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JULY 4th Class Against Class

This July 4th the bourgeoisie again treats us to a grand display of fireworks and oratory on "one nation, with liberty and justice for all," while the Nazi Party is planning to march through the largely Jewish suburb of Skokie, Illinois. Many residents are survivors of concentration camps during WWII.

The bourgeoisie is giving more leash to the most fascist, reactionary and chauvinist elements of monopoly capitalism, such as the Nazi Party, the KKK, and others. Ideologically, a fierce campaign of national chauvinism is being waged by the likes of Pat Boone, Roy Rogers, John Wayne and others. The Carter "Human Rights" crusade and the AFL-CIO "Buy American" campaign



igns run hand in glove with the hate propaganda of the Nazi's and the KKK, all of which are aimed at dividing and terrorizing the working class. Militarily, the violent repressive apparatus of the state is being strengthened and bolstered through increased

police training, centralized intelligence and modern weaponry.

There is a reason behind the fact that such reactionary elements are becoming bolder and stepping more into the limelight. When the capital-

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August 1st Campaign

TO ALL WORKING MEN AND WOMEN!

TO ALL WHO OPPOSE WORLD WAR THREE!

THE THREAT OF A THIRD WORLD WAR IS GROWING DAILY! THOSE THAT SING THE LOUDEST SONGS OF PEACE AND DETENTE HAVE ALREADY OILED THE WAR MACHINE. THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, THE U.S. AND THE U.S.S.R. ARE THE GREATEST ENEMIES THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD HAVE EVER KNOWN. EACH IN THEIR OWN WAY, DAY BY DAY, IS STOCKPILING ARMS AND SUPPLIES, MAKING READY FOR A NEW WORLD WAR. IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, THE TWO SUPERPOWERS BATTLE FOR NEW GROUND AND A NEW REDIVISION OF THE WORLD. EACH SEEKS TO MEDDLE AND SPLIT THE HEROIC NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THAT ARE OPPOSED TO IMPERIALISM AND SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM. EACH BUILDS THEIR VICIOUS ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. EACH MEETS IN THEIR VARIOUS SUMMIT MEETINGS TO BOLSTER OLD ALLIANCES AND TO ENSURE THEIR ADVANTAGE IN THE WAR.

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FREE THE DAWSON 5!

Dawson, Georgia — Here in the heart of the Black Belt South, just miles away from Plains, 5 youths face the electric chair because of a shooting incident that they had nothing to do with. On January 22, 1976, a white ranch foreman was shot in the head in a small grocery in Dawson. The store owner, Tiny Denton, said that 4 Black males wearing ski masks shot Bubba Howell and then stole \$100 from the till. Tiny Denton said that he hadn't recognized any of the murderers — this is until 5 days later when he pointed the finger at Roosevelt Watson. This is very strange indeed because Roosevelt and the Watson family had a charge account at the store and the previous Christmas Denton had given Roosevelt a Christmas gift. Very strange indeed, that he didn't recognize Roosevelt right off the bat.

Roosevelt, his brother, his cousin and two friends were quickly arrested and charged with murder. Once arrested, Roosevelt was threatened with castration and electrocution if he did not do the bidding of the police. The bidding was to confess and to search through a cold water swamp for hours looking for the murder weapon. None was found. Roosevelt's signature was even forged in order to waive his rights.

The fact of the matter is that the 5 youths had been sent by Roosevelt's mother in the opposite direction from Denton's store, with gallon jugs to be filled at a neighbor's well several miles away. Her pump was broken.

It has now been 17 months since the youths were arrested. Roosevelt and Henderson are now out on \$100,000 bail and the other 3 still sit in Terrell County jail on \$100,000 bond. The trial has been set for August 1st.

Up until the first of June the Judge maintained that the trial would be starting during the regular session of

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EDITORIALS

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ists find that they have no way out of the economic and political crisis which capitalism itself created, when the working class begins to rise, striking blow after blow at the capitalists, then the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie has no choice but to either abandon its riches, lay down its arms and hand over the means of production — which has never happened in

all of class society — or it must take the measures necessary to head for imperialist war and establish or consolidate a fascist dictatorship

Our course is to boldly expose and oppose this reactionary tide, to lead the working class in struggle, class against class

Yet some who claim to be Marxist-Leninist parties, belittle the struggle against the U S bourgeoisie, such as the Communist Party (ML) formed

by the October League. On the other hand, there are those who belittle the struggle against Soviet social-imperialism, such as the Revolutionary Communist Party. These are two sides of the same petty bourgeois coin — the social chauvinism of the CP(ML) or the revisionism of the RCP. The working class must struggle against both superpowers while correctly recognizing that our main enemy is the U S

bourgeoisie. By misleading and deceiving the workers, both the CP(ML) and the RCP actually follow in the footsteps of the CPUSA (Communist Party U S A), and assist the bourgeois dictatorship in its fascist plans.

Only in resolute struggle against imperialism and social-imperialism, and all bourgeois reaction, together with a consistent exposure and opposition to opportunism, particularly modern revisionism, will we be able to smash the fascist war preparations and carry high the banner of class warfare, class against class, until victory

"I'm just one Black woman who decided to stand up for her rights and not be pushed over anymore!"

A Letter to the Editor

Being a single Black woman in the South isn't easy. I guess that being a single Black woman with two children isn't easy anywhere. I am originally from Mississippi. My husband wanted to come back down South to the "land of Dixie". Two years later I found myself getting a divorce. I didn't have much money so I had to look for a job. I found out about an opening at a shipyard. I went to work in the engine room as a laborer with the machinists, pipefitters, and welders. Most of the people who worked in the engine room were white except me. And I was the only woman.

I was laid off my job because I stood up for what I believed in. I don't believe that an employee should associate with her foreman or do any special favors on or off the job. The foreman asked me out for a date. I refused and told him not to ask me out anymore. He decided to strike back by putting me to work in the sewer tank of the ship. I didn't have to go because the superintendent refused to allow any women in the sewer tank (their discrimination backfired!). I tried to meet with the vice-president of the company to tell him about my problems with the foreman. After going to his office four times, I never did get to talk with him. Instead, I talked with his assistant who questioned the foreman. The foreman denied asking me out and the company refused to hire me back when I would report for work. After I filed a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), they still didn't let me go back to work. The union wouldn't help me either so I had to go to a private lawyer who called the vice-president and inquired for what reason I was being denied my job. Because of my determination and threat of organizing around this, they took me back to work the next day. I had my job back for about a month. During that time the harassment continued

and they looked for every little excuse to try and fire me. Now they say that there isn't enough work, which isn't true. The superintendent told me that the reason they weren't hiring me is because of the EEOC complaint I filed. The company denied that.

The union didn't represent me at all with any of my mishaps with the company. The business agent (BA) said that he would meet me at the shipyard to find out why I wasn't working. He never showed up. They refused to help me with my EEOC complaint against the company. The BA told me that he didn't believe the foreman would do something like this. The union didn't discriminate against me so much because of my nationality or sex. They just wouldn't represent me because I am a worker and the union only defends the company.

Several days ago another woman on my job refused to go out with the same foreman. She went to the union and filed a grievance. She is back on the job now. Not so much because of the union but because the company knows that all of us are aware of what is going down and we are not going to put up with it for much longer.

I am writing this letter because I would like to have this company exposed, because there are many companies like this in the Black Belt area. I'm just one woman who decided to stand up for my rights and not be pushed over anymore. I would like for this to go down in history that this company remembers a Black woman that came to work for them and who refused to date her foreman or to be used as a tool for racism. And there will be more of us!

Many women are inferior to men in strength now. We've all been trained that women shouldn't go to work in shipyards. I believe that we are all born with equal capabilities to work but that this system doesn't train women to work the same kind of job as a man. This keeps us divided as many men are encouraged by the company to try and

take advantage of us. Any woman who goes seeking a job in a predominately men's industry should have herself prepared to fight this discrimination. Women in the Deep South are job-hunting in heavy industry because we can no longer afford to get those "miss goody-two-shoes" jobs (that don't exist anyway). Black women who want to benefit themselves and get higher wages for their work have to worry about being discriminated against for the fact that you are a woman as well as the fact that you are black.

The company thinks that white women are too good to do this kind of work. This keeps us divided too. They would rather see white women not work at all or they try to help them find another position such as in clerical work. The company's influence has meant that many white men don't like to see white women come to work beside me all day and get the same dirt and oil on their bodies that I get on mine. They are concerned about them and I'm not their problem. They can't stand to see a white woman in a shipyard because it is not clean work. But Blacks aren't women when it comes to work. Only when it comes to selling our bodies to the foreman. And the price? The price has become our right to work! I would sum it all up as seeing that many working people are being divided because of the company's racist policies. Racism is ignorance on people's part.

It is so embarrassing! But I will hold my head up high and say that I refuse to prostitute to hold my job. I think that other women should do the same. It's high time that women stop hiding our fears and let the world know what we think, whether it is about discrimination on the job or in the campaign to free Gary Tyler.

I think that unions should go on the job and find out where the root of the problem is. For instance, in another union at a different company, the president would work right along side me everyday. They represented us and we

were much stronger. We need to get people out of the union leadership who are only in it for the money. We need to get sincere, working people into the leadership so that the union represents our everyday needs and problems. Some co-workers have suggested that I should become a union official. But you have to be a member of the union for five years and I haven't been. The oldest woman in the union has only just got her five years in because women weren't admitted until 1972. These laws are discriminatory against Blacks and especially Black women.

We need more people to stick together. Black and whites. It would stop the company from getting away with so much. Whether we are Black or white, after the company uses us, then they don't have more use for you. Since we all work for the same company we are all in the same bag. I think that other people should start speaking up more and stop being afraid to speak up when something goes wrong on the job.

I have always believed that people respect the press. The reason that I am writing to Unite! is because I believe that this paper represents working people. I don't believe at this time that the union would represent me or that any of the local newspapers would really take this issue up.

I don't know much about communism. I have been trying to learn more about it, and I believe that a communist party would help fight to build a better union. I have seen so far that the really honest leaders that stand up for the rights of poor and working people are called communists. I read a Ku Klux Klan ad that says that their aim is to "protect the race against communism" so I know that communists must be on the right track. Both the company and the union discriminate. A communist party of working people would help to fight for Blacks and women on the job.

From a Black woman in the Black Belt Nation

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The brutal beating of Bennie Lenard by Melrose Park Police, his subsequent frame-up on phony charges and the continuing state harassment at his court appearances are all blatant examples of national oppression. In Bennie Lenard's experience we can see the link between the oppression of a nation, the Black Belt Nation in the South, and the oppression of a national minority, Afro-Americans who live outside the Black Belt South. The main weapon of national oppression in both the nation itself, and of the national minority is terror. The terror of the Klan, the lynch mob, or of the state. In Bennie's case, through the agents of the state, the local police and sheriffs.

THE NATION IN THE BLACK BELT SOUTH

It is the existence of an oppressed nation in the South which creates the material basis for oppression of the national minority in northern and western parts of the United States.

After the Civil War, a nation emerged in the South as a result of the failure of Reconstruction. The victorious northern capitalists made an agreement with the Southern Bourbons for the joint plunder of this land. The promise of 40 acres and a mule, that was made to the freed slaves, was broken. The failure to break up the landed estates and distribute the land to those that worked it meant that the material basis for the exercise of basic bourgeois democratic rights for the Black masses did not exist. Nor was this equality allowed to develop.

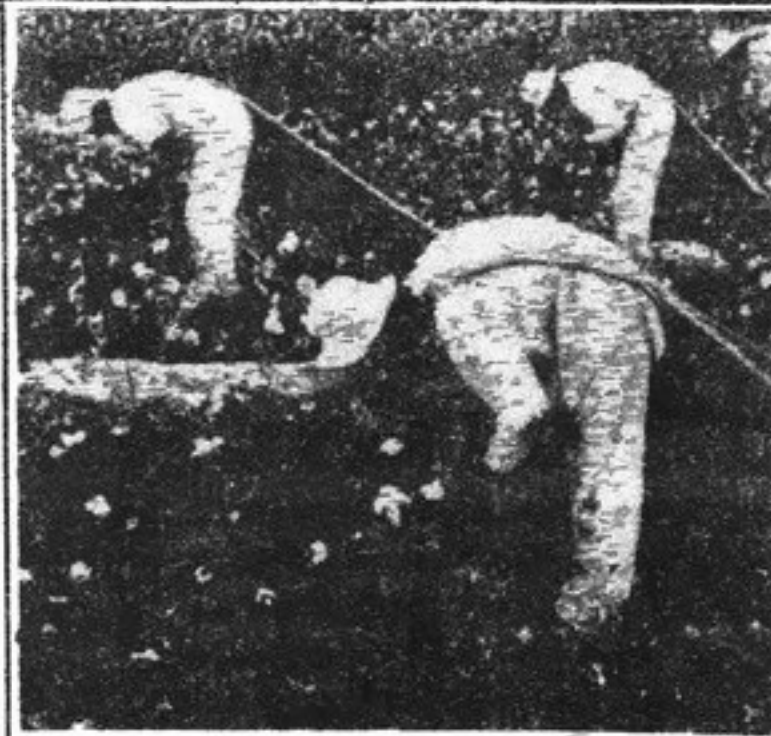
This was during the era of the rise of capitalism in the United States, and the consolidation of control of capital by the northern industrialists. *Although the slaves were 'freed' by the Emancipation Proclamation, real freedom through the destruction of the feudal plantation system and the transition of genuine state power to the Black majority was not accomplished. The failure of Reconstruction laid the basis for the imperialist exploitation and continuing oppression of the nation in the South and for the accompanying and necessary oppression of the Black national minority outside of the Black Belt.*

THE BLACK NATIONAL MINORITY

With the rise of capitalism and its development into monopoly capitalism and imperialism, the need for a cheap reserve of labor also grew, along with the need for larger northern plants. This need was filled by foreign immigrants and freed slaves. Faced with continued poverty and degradation in the South — the poorest housing, health, and educational conditions in the country, in addition to intolerable working conditions or no work at all

JUSTICE FOR BENNIE LENARD!

—thousands of Blacks were driven out of the South, their historic homeland. Although no longer living in the territory of the Black Nation itself, this national minority none the less retains its roots in the Black Belt Nation through family, economic and cultural ties.



The failure of agrarian reform, laid the basis for the oppression of the Black Belt Nation and the inequality of Blacks elsewhere.

OPPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

Outside of the Black Belt South, Blacks face discrimination in employment, health care and education. Economically this serves the bourgeoisie, through its increased exploitation of Afro-Americans, many of whom are forced to work in the most menial and dangerous jobs around, for the lowest wages. Ideologically, the perpetuation of discrimination and oppression perpetuates in turn the myths of Black inferiority and reinforces white supremacist ideology and racism. All of this helps justify the exploitation of the nation in the South.

But as history of the working class has shown time and again, where there is oppression, there is resistance. In order to maintain the oppression of the Black Nation, the imperialists depend on a systematic program of terror and white chauvinism. As in Bennie Lenard's case, terror takes the form of arbitrary fascist attacks on any member of the Black Nation or national minority at any time without provocation. Racist ideology is promoted throughout the working class in an attempt to divide the class and therefore weaken and hold back its struggle against the bourgeoisie and the oppressive capitalist system. The oppressed Black Nation and national minority have historically resisted these attacks. And as their resistance increases, so does the terror and racist demagoguery of the bourgeoisie. As a result, we see an increase in the activity of groups like the Nazis and the

Klan and the rise of fascism throughout the country. The frame-ups of Gary Tyler and the Dawson 5 are examples of the attempted use of terror tactics in the South. And the attack on Bennie Lenard is an example of exactly the same thing in the North. But all three are also examples of the working class turning the tables on the bourgeoisie and making these struggles into offensives against national oppression, the bourgeoisie and all its reactionary tactics.

SELF-DETERMINATION AND FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

While some gains have been made in the defense of some individuals like in Joann Little's case, the fight against national oppression goes on. Fascist attacks and the poison of white supremacist and racist ideologies will not end until there has been a successful struggle for self determination and the Black Belt Nation is free from imperialist oppression. The steps that need to be taken in order to exercise self-determination are:

- 1 CONFISCATION OF THE LAND BY ITS RIGHTFUL OWNERS
- 2 PERMANENT EXCLUSION OF ALL TROOPS OF THE IMPERIALIST OPPRESSOR NATION
- 3 THE ACHIEVEMENT OF STATE UNITY IN THE NATION ITSELF

In our day-to-day struggle to defend Bennie Lenard and win justice for him to the extent possible under capitalism, our minimum demands are:

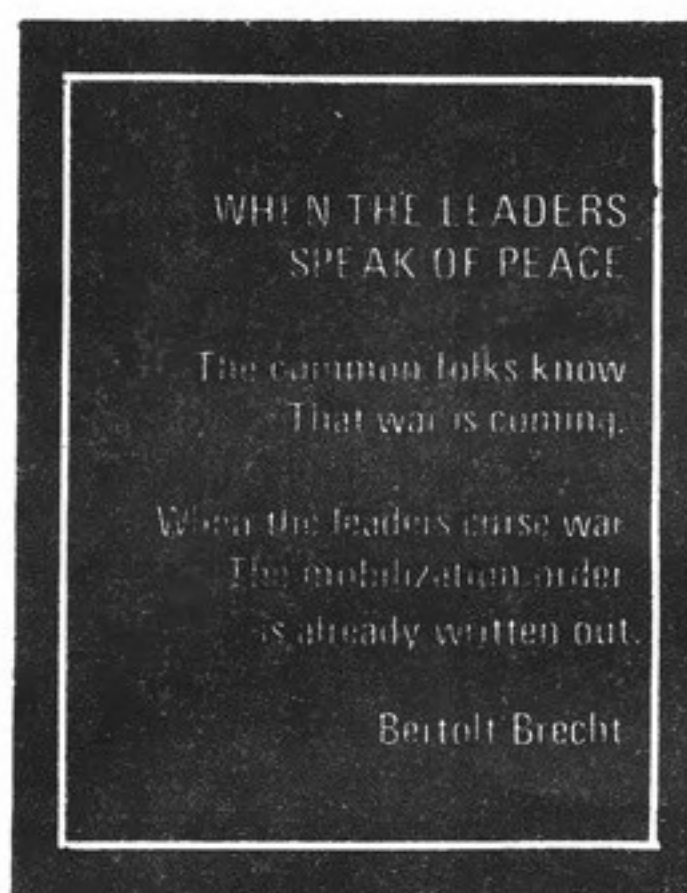
- 1 all charges against him be dropped immediately
- 2 the police who beat him be indicted, jailed and dismissed from the force
- 3 he and his family receive full compensation for all damages by the Melrose Park Police Dept.

This must be linked to the struggle for full democratic rights for Bennie Lenard and all members of the Black national minority and self-determination up to and including secession for the Black Belt Nation in the South!

JUSTICE FOR BENNIE LENARD! FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS FOR ALL NATIONAL MINORITIES!

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE BLACK BELT NATION!

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August 1st

This situation did not just develop, nor is it something that has never happened before in the world. The contention between two capitalist countries is as old as capitalism. The competition for control over markets, resources and labor supplies is an integral part of the capitalist system.

If we look at recent history we can see that the two previous world wars were imperialist wars. In Europe before WWI contradictions existed between Britain and Germany. Germany was a late-comer among the imperialist pirates and so went all out in its expansion efforts. All the imperialist powers at the time including Germany and Britain had their plans for the division of the world. The rapid sharpening of contradictions led rapidly to WWI. The Second World War was also an imperialist war. Germany, recovering from its defeat in WWI, had every intention of rising again. Japan, too, was on the move and out to carve itself a piece of the world pie. In order to carry out its imperialist plans the German bourgeoisie needed to establish a fascist dictatorship under Hitler. The contradictions between the bourgeoisie of the various countries came to a head and resulted in WWII. After the war, we find a new victor — the United States. This rising and falling of imperialist powers is all part of the uneven development of countries; while one country is coming into a position of power, another is falling from it.

The United States since the Second World War has had the upper hand in the world situation. The U.S. stretched its tentacles into every corner of the world. It used undisguised armed intervention, bribery, huge loan payments as well as many other means to ensure this position of power. But competition for all this power has been in the offing for the last 20 years. This competition is the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union during WWII was a great socialist country. It led the world's proletariat in its fight against capitalism. It delivered the primary death blow to Hitler's army when it tried to invade the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union was the first socialist country and it was like a shining beacon to the oppressed people of the world. After the death of its great leader, Joseph Stalin, the

Soviet Union suffered a tragic setback. A group of traitors led by Khrushchev came to power. These revisionists set about reversing the tide of revolution and restored capitalism. The new capitalists in the Soviet Union were latecomers to the division of the world. They had no "protectorates" or colonies or economic ties on other nations. But as an imperialist on the rise, the Soviet revisionists set out to make their place in the world.

The period of the late 1960's and 1970's has seen the increased contention between the Soviet Union and the U.S. In most of the major conflicts in the world, the two superpowers are on opposite sides of conflicts each pouring arms and aid into "their" country. This was seen in the Middle East conflicts, in the India-Pakistan conflicts and most recently in various African conflicts, most notably in Angola. Each of the superpowers rationalizes their intervention into the affairs of other countries. The U.S. says it is to give aid to developing countries or to prevent communism in these countries and the Soviet Union says it is to help the revolutionary forces in the country. Despite their excuses, both are involved in this meddling because they are both bound and determined to gain control or maintain control of these countries.

WAR - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOURGEOIS CRISIS

However, things are not all well for the capitalists. National liberation wars are taking back their lands and driving out the imperialists. Workers at home and abroad are becoming more and more revolutionized. The imperialists are becoming thoroughly exposed. The capitalists are in a crisis that is getting deeper and deeper, a crisis that they can not remedy.

This crisis is all-around, it is a political crisis, as evidenced by Watergate and other such scandals. It is an economic crisis, as evidenced by the skyrocketing inflation and unemployment. It is a cultural crisis, as evidenced by the numbers of pornographic movies and stores. The capitalists are desperately trying to find a way out of this crisis.

The economic crisis from 1929 to 1933 and its revival in the later part

of 1937 led directly to imperialist war, resulting from the capitalist scramble to redivide the world, plunder the colonies and gain spheres of influence. At that time, words of peace poured from the lips of the imperialists and the "peace regime" was supposedly established in Europe. World war? It was impossible said the diplomats.

One of the main ways out of the crisis for the capitalists is to go to war. Through war, spheres of influence can be established and competitors for these territories can be crushed. It is a way to solve unemployment as well as idle industry. The crisis will reach a point when the imperialists have no other option but to go to war.

The evidence of war preparations today is all around us. Probably one of the clearest examples of this build-up is in the amount of military expenditures by the two superpowers. In 1949 the U.S. spent \$13 billion, in 1970 they spent \$78 billion and in 1977 \$120 billion. In the Soviet Union, in 1963 they spent \$50 billion, in 1975, they spent \$80 billion and in 1976, \$117 billion.

This militarization of the economy means severe hardships on the working people of these countries. The working class is well aware of the rise of taxes and also knows that this money is not going to build or improve schools or hospitals or any other area of public good.

This contention for world domination and plunder by the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as the reactionary bourgeoisie of other nations, is driving the world towards a third world war.

REVOLUTION WILL PREVENT WAR OR WAR WILL GIVE RISE TO REVOLUTION

But all these frantic war preparations are not the only thing that is on the rise; revolutionary struggle is also rising rapidly. Around the world we see wars of liberation driving out imperialist settler regimes, like in Azania, Zimbabwe, Namibia. The working class is resisting the bourgeoisie's attempt to shift their crisis onto the workers' backs. Evidence of this resistance can be seen in almost every country around the world. Strikes are at an extremely high level. May Day this year showed that the international working class is standing firm against the two superpowers. In this country, the working class has for years now supported the struggle of the African people for self-determination, and this African Liberation Day was further evidence of that. Increasingly the working class, oppressed nationalities and national minorities in this country are fighting against the attacks by the bourgeoisie. The miners continue to resist the onslaught by the coal barons as well as the sellout of the bureaucrats of their union. Steelworkers are building the struggle against the absolute treachery of the Abel-McBride machine. In the oppressed Black Nation resistance is growing rapidly against fascist attacks by the bourgeoisie, like in the Gary Tyler case or the Dawson 5

The resistance in this country and worldwide makes it clear that while factors for war are rising so are the factors for revolution. So despite all the frenzied war preparations, the international proletariat is not despairing; we are confident that revolution will prevent war or war will give rise to revolution.

BUILD AUGUST 1st

As part of opposing the war we are organizing on this August 1st, THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR and will continue to do so each August 1st for years to come. Large masses of people must actively take up the call to build August 1st into a day against warmongers of the world.

This struggle means that we must get resolutions passed in our trade unions that demand

- 1) End superpower war preparations,
- 2) Support national liberation struggles that weaken imperialism.

Where it applies we must demand an end to the production of war materials in our shops.

We must oppose schemes of the bourgeoisie that attempt to whip up national chauvinism like the BUY AMERICAN campaign. We must thoroughly expose and smash these plans of theirs to blame the loss of our jobs on workers of other countries.

We must take this campaign out into our communities, clubs and organizations so that broad sections of the working class can become aware of its existence and participate in it. We must clearly demonstrate that the working class and oppressed peoples will not tolerate another imperialist war and that we will do everything we can to stop it.

While we will actively and aggressively build the struggle against the superpowers, it is not clear at this time that we will succeed in preventing the outbreak of imperialist war. In this event we would carry out our task of turning the guns around. We would turn the imperialist war into a civil war against the bourgeoisie and for socialism.

We can see the likelihood of this happening because of historical precedents. Out of WWI came the first socialist country, the Soviet Union. Out of the Second World War came the socialist countries of China, Albania, Korea and Vietnam. These examples from history serve as our guide for the future.

Even though we cannot determine at this time whether imperialist war will be prevented we are very clear that the future is bright and victory is inevitable. One way or another the imperialists will be defeated and the working class will triumph.

OPPOSE SUPERPOWER WAR PREPARATIONS!

FIGHT THE BOURGEOISIE, NOT THEIR WARS!

WORKERS, OPPRESSED NATIONS AND PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

SHARPEN THE STRUGGLE IN THE TRADE UNIONS



New Court Attacks On Working Class

The Supreme Court is giving firm support to the increasing attacks on the working class. In a seven to two ruling, the Court found that Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act does not prohibit the use of "bona fide" seniority systems that "perpetuate actions of discrimination."

Generally, the suit involved the concept of a "dual seniority" which establishes separate lines of seniority for separate job classifications.

Blacks and national minorities in general are traditionally assigned lowest paid, most menial jobs throughout industry. Because of dual systems, minority workers lose all seniority and benefits if they succeed in advancing to a better job classification. Thus, they are first to

be laid off, while in job bidding they are last to be accepted. This price is too high and locks these workers into unskilled and menial jobs. The ruling applies to women workers also.

Under the guise of protecting workers' seniority rights, the court ruling is a direct attack on the struggle against national and sexual oppression. At the same time, the ruling protects those aspects of the seniority system which undermine working class unity.

Seniority is a crucial part of union rights, defending workers against arbitrary firings, promotions and job assignments. But capitalists in collusion with trade union bureaucrats have used discriminatory seniority

systems as both a cover for their attack on minority and women workers and to divide the multi-national working class.

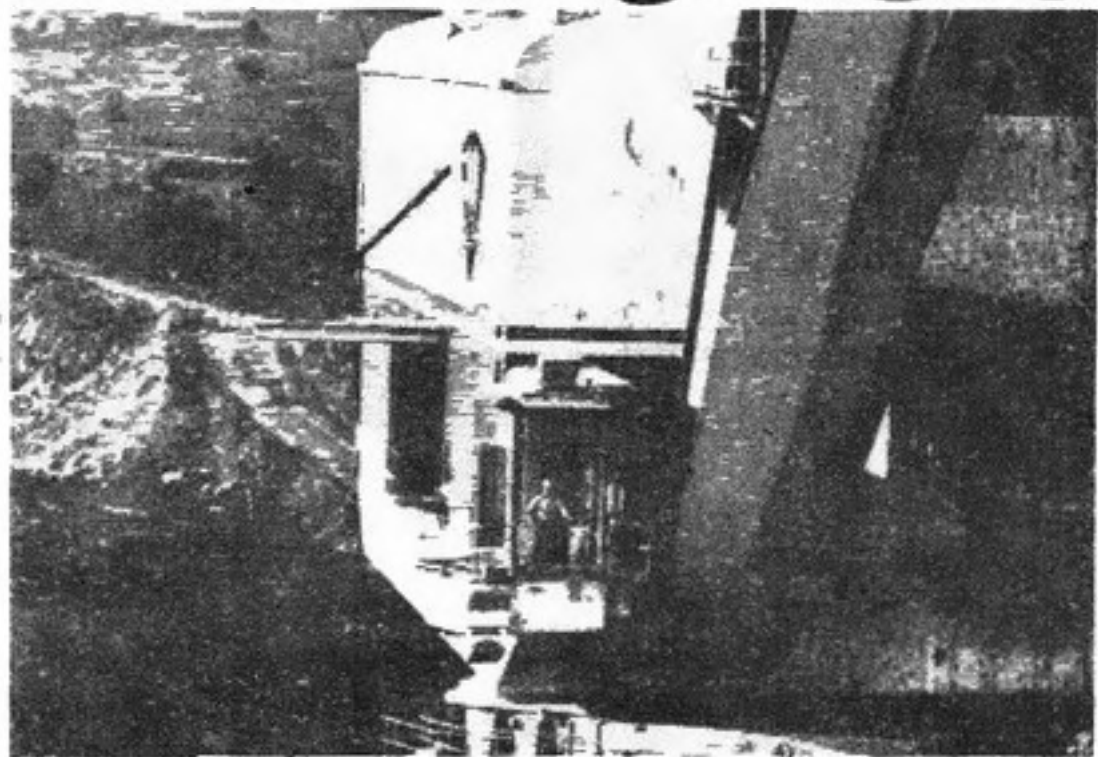
The attack of the "neutral" state against working class benefits continues. The court ruled that states may deny unemployment benefits to workers who are laid off their jobs because of a labor dispute with a company supplier. The case arose when U.S. Steel shut down its Youngstown, Ohio plant as a result of a miners' strike at coal mines owned by U.S. Steel and Republic Steel.

The court ruled that it was not intended "to require that the states give coverage to every person in-

voluntarily unemployed." The court noted that providing unemployment benefits for workers laid off because of labor disputes not directly involving them would increase employer contributions to the system. This would indirectly increase pressure on an employer to settle a strike. Instead, employers in basic industries can use the threat of massive lay-offs and disruption to the economy to bring government interference and force unjust settlements on workers.

Unemployment benefits were not just given to workers. They were won through mass struggle and with great sacrifice during the depression of the 1930's. The working class must not allow the state to take away these hard-fought gains.

Miller not on the job while... UMW Faces Crisis



Organising the western coal fields, which include many surface mines such as this one, is essential if the UMW is to survive.

Arnold Miller has been re-elected for a second term as president of the United Mine Workers of America (UMW), with the support of only about 20% of the miners. Miller is widely credited with bringing democracy to the UMW, but even his re-election victory is a demonstration of how badly he has failed the miners. The question of sound and strong leadership that really represents the rank and file has reached a critical point for the mine worker's union. The UMW is barely functioning on a national level, and the coal operators and the federal government are preparing a major — even decisive — assault on the miners.

Only half the union's members voted, even though they had to pass the polls twice on their way to and from the mines, since the polls were set up right outside the bathhouses at the mine entrances.

Miller's victory is hardly a vote of confidence on the part of the majority of miners, but is at most the result of the support of those who still remain loyal to the Miners for Democracy (MFD) and still see Miller as the representative of the rank-and-file movement that ousted Tony Boyle in 1972.

Miller still has no comprehensive plans to organize the western coal fields, where the country's major coal reserves are. Carter's energy program will expand western production substantially. The UMW's control over coal production has already slipped from 72% just five years ago to 54% now, and unless the West is organized, union miners will rapidly become a minority in the coal fields. In turn, the ability of the UMW to protect the interests of its present members in the East will be crippled.

Meanwhile, the organizing efforts that have been undertaken in the West have not been coordinated by national leadership, and have concentrated on small mines. As a result, they have not been very successful.

NO PLANS FOR NEGOTIATIONS

The national contract expires in December, and negotiations are to begin in October. Miller has not developed a strategy for the contract negotiations. Miller has virtually abolished the Research Department, and has decimated the legal and negotiating staffs over the last year, purging staff people he considered "disloyal" to him. Without those staffs, the union will be negotiating "blind."

The coal operators have already started a media campaign to publicize their demands — a stronger no-strike agreement to ensure "labor peace." Their strategy is to win the support of the masses in their drive to destroy the union, by building their case in the bourgeois press about how wildcat strikes are a threat to national security in this time of growing energy shortages. The weapons of the BCOA (Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, the largest group of operators that the UMW has a contract with) are 1) threats by individual companies to withdraw from the BCOA, thus forcing replacement of the national contract with many local contracts — or no contracts at all, 2) stockpiling coal in preparation for a national strike, and 3) using the state to break the strike through court injunctions, state police and federal troops.

The operators are prepared to hold out for a no-strike contract, but it is not likely that miners will ratify a no-strike contract. In view of the harassment by the coal operators and cumbersome grievance and arbitration machinery set up by the last contract, the right to strike on all issues is a crucial demand that must be fought for in the up-coming negotiations.

But Miller himself negotiated the present contract, whose no-strike clause has been used to attack the union's treasury with court fines when wildcats inevitably occur. Miller himself has cut the UMW safety program and left it in a shambles, so that miners are forced to wildcat over neglected safety problems. And Miller himself has cooperated with the courts in opposing and attempting to suppress the local strikes — which are "wildcats" only because the present contract makes local strikes "illegal." In short, it is Miller himself who has forced miners to dissipate the strength and finances of their union in wildcats because he has failed to defend the urgent needs of the miners.

BUILD THE CLASS CONSCIOUS LEADERSHIP OF THE UMW!

The union constitution requires that a conference of union officials be held in each district to draw up contract proposals. The only hope for the negotiations is for there to be genuine rank-and-file participation in those conferences to develop the contract demands that miners really want and need, and to develop a strategy for fighting for them that miners will support. Rank-and-file demands for the negotiations are:

- 1) One national contract, defend the national union
- 2) Make the mines safe
- 3) Right to strike over local issues to be decided by the local
- 4) Organize the western coal fields

The key thing is that the rank and file must build their own consciousness and organization in spite of, around, against, the Miller bureaucracy. Miners are learning through their own experience that it is not enough to elect a "rank-and-file" miner to leadership. The decisive thing is the class stand taken by the leadership: does it consistently take the stand of the working class and try to raise the consciousness, organization and fighting capacity of the workers, or does it take the stand of the capitalist class and try to contain the struggles of the workers; does it submit to the legalism of the exploiters of the working class? Miller has clearly taken the latter road.

The rank and file's struggle for its demands in the up-coming negotiations will only be one step in the mass struggle to eventually oust not just Miller himself, but to oust from leadership in all the organizations of the working class the influence of the capitalists, which people like Miller represent. Not only do bureaucratic leaders have to be replaced by rank-and-file leaders, but they have to be replaced by class-conscious working-class leaders.

DEFEND THE RIGHT TO STRIKE!

NO PLANS TO ORGANIZE THE WEST

OSHA: Foundry Program A Flop

A few months ago OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) announced that it had selected the foundry industry to be the target for a nation-wide clean up. The barbaric conditions in foundries under

capitalism are almost without parallel. This is the first time in its six-year history that OSHA has set out to inspect and clean up one entire industry.

The basic plan of OSHA's National

Emphasis Program for foundries is 1) to assign 500 inspectors to investigate the 5,000 foundries in the U.S., devoting about one-third of their time to this over the next two years, 2) to set up regional training and educational seminars for employers and supervisory personnel, 3) to set up a federally funded education program for foundry workers, through the University Labor Education Association, 4) to focus attention on the major foundry health and safety hazards — splashing molten metal, metal fumes, silica dust, carbon monoxide, heat and noise.

DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH

Well, all that sounds just fine on paper. But the fact is that the National Emphasis Program (NEP) is dying a bureaucratic death before it even gets going.

First of all, the inspectors were supposed to start March 15. But as of the middle of June, local OSHA officials haven't heard anything, they have not received any further instructions, and nothing is happening.

Secondly, if NEP ever gets started, it will not be the "crash program" it looks like on paper. OSHA started out with an 18-month timetable, then, when they realized how many foundries there are, they set a two-year limit. Now, they have given up on a time limit at all. They'll simply "do it when they get to it." In addition, some states (for example, California, which has a relatively high concentration of foundries) have refused to cooperate with OSHA, by refusing to allow their state inspectors to do the inspections. OSHA frequently relies on local inspectors in states that have their own OSHA-type law.

Thirdly, as far as training programs go for workers and for management personnel, OSHA only intends to "look at" whatever programs the companies may already have. And guess who's training the 500 "specially trained" OSHA inspectors? The foundry owners! The American Foundrymen's Society has graciously offered its services to OSHA (OSHA accepted) to train its inspectors in what to look for.

Fourthly, OSHA has no intention of dealing with the number one health hazard in foundries: silicosis. It seems that bourgeois law does not

recognize silicosis as an occupational disease. Not only can OSHA not cite a company for causing silicosis, OSHA can't even look for silicosis: the inspectors will not look at medical records, but only safety records.

The only thing OSHA will look at with regard to silica dust is the level of exposure of silica dioxide, because there is a legally set standard for that.

What is OSHA doing for workers at J.P. Steven's textile mills? There they work in cotton dust 12 times higher than allowed by government standards.



I had this breathing problem. I couldn't stand the dust. Then one day a loom caught on fire next to the one that I was working on. I could not breathe, so I went outside. The overseer came out and asked me why I was out there. I told him I couldn't breathe. He said, 'Get back on your job. Those looms cost money. They have to run. We have to buy them. But I can go to the door and whistle and get all the help I want. So they care nothing about the human side of the picture. The looms are all that count.' The machinery.

But many of the standards that OSHA uses are not arrived at scientifically. They are known as "consensus standards", arrived at through negotiation between OSHA, various research agencies, and the companies. In other words, whatever the capitalists themselves, and the representatives of the capitalist state, can agree on as a tolerable exposure becomes the standard. In some cases, as with heat exposure, there is no standard, because the capitalists could not agree on what was a safe level of exposure for workers.

And in any case, even where standards having the force of law exist, the NEP is not meant to be primarily an enforcement program. It is supposed to emphasize "consultation and assistance" to employers in voluntarily cleaning up their operations.

SO WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE US?

So what do we do? Should we write to our congressmen to give (continued on next page)

**"All they're doin' is giving us the run around
...or waiting for us to die."**



Fletcher Martin

The Struggle Against the LABOR ARISTOCRACY

LABOR BUREAUCRATS PREACH RELIANCE ON THE CAPITALIST STATE

On March 27, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) announced that it had the names of some 75,000 workers (later changed to 116,000) known to have been exposed to cancer-causing agents at the workplace. But NIOSH refused to release the names of these workers, saying it would "do more harm than good." But everyone knows that the key to curing cancer is early detection. So whom is NIOSH protecting from what harm?

There are some 1600 known cancer-causing chemicals used in the mines, mills, and farms of the U.S., and NIOSH has set standards on exactly 15 of them. Thousands upon thousands of workers have been murdered at the workplace by cancer: rubber workers from cancer of the stomach and leukemia, dye workers from bladder cancer, coke oven and foundry workers, as well as asbestos, nickel, uranium and coal miners, from various types of lung cancer. Company doctors are still putting these deaths down to ailments unrelated to work: "blockage of the stomach", "bloody cough", "anemia", etc.

Two centuries of militant and revolutionary struggle by the working class have forced the capitalist state to pass certain laws, to keep the murdering and maiming that goes on at the point of production for the sake of profit, within bounds. In April, 1970, Nixon signed into law the "Job Safety and Health Act", which created OSHA and its research arm, NIOSH. At the signing ceremony, Nixon was flanked on one side by powerful figures of the U.S. bourgeoisie and on the other by "labor representatives", including George Meany and I.W. Abel, all a smile at this victory for the working class.

It is clear that our class is better off if there are laws aimed at controlling cancer at the workplace than if there are no such laws at all. But history has taught our class that the bourgeois state will use such laws only to the extent that they divert our anger and do not interfere significantly with profits. Experience shows us we cannot rely on the capitalists and their state to solve our problems, and that only by continuous struggle can we gain and keep any concessions from the capitalists.

But what have our "labor representatives" done about it? Have they clearly pointed out the capitalist essence of the state and that we cannot rely on it? Have they mobilized our class to ensure the maximum benefit from the concessions we have won from the capitalists? No. They have covered for the two-faced nature of capitalist reforms, and they have preached reliance on the state of our class enemy, covering up their treachery with militant sounding phrases.

Meany shouts if the enforcement of the OSHA laws fail, "we will immediately petition Congress", while Abel wheedles, "we must insist that the Nixon Administration staff the program with concerned and dedicated personnel."

This reformist rhetoric is useless in the face of our historical experience. No matter how personally and sincerely "concerned and dedicated", a capitalist administrator is still a capitalist administrator. And petitioning the Congress that passed OSHA is nothing more than complaining to our oppressors that their foot on our neck is leaving marks. The working class has to rely on its own strength, organization and consciousness, and on its own party. And the immediate task in the trade unions of the working class is to expose and oust the bureaucrats who have captured our unions only to preach reliance on our class enemy.

**DEMAND THE 116,000 NAMES!
THROW THE REFORMISTS AND BUREAUCRATS OUT OF
THE UNIONS!
BUILD THE COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP OF OUR UNIONS!**

**PIVOT OF OUR TACTICS
in the Labor Movement**

IAM Strikes Caterpillar



Rylock Struggle Develops

Union City, California — Machinists of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) continue their strikes at Rylock and Caterpillar in the East Bay area of San Francisco. Their struggle has been characterized by growing militancy and unity between the two strikes. Strikers from both plants have walked each other's picket lines, held joint rallies, and together struggled against their sell-out trade union bureaucrats at union meetings. Meanwhile, the company owners have put up a hard front, relying on the courts, police forces,

and the trade union bureaucrats to defeat the strikes.

The San Leandro Caterpillar plant, just south of Oakland, produces the fuel injection systems and fuel pumps for Caterpillar engines. The 1,500 IAM and UAW strikers who struck May 1st have effectively halted all production. UAW members organized in shipping and the warehouse are honoring the lines. In fact, for the first week of the strike, militant mass picketing of as many as 300 workers prevented even management from entering the plant! The capitalist courts were quick to slap an injunction down to limit pickets to four at the main gate and three at the others.

The Rylock workers, striking a small aluminum window frame company in Union City 20 miles south of Oakland, have been pitted against a pack of scabs brought in by the company. Rylock has hired a professional union breaker who for a price guarantees to get rid of the union.

The clash between the rank and file machinists and the capitalists has exposed the role of the union bureau-

crats in their attempts to sell-out the workers. At two recent IAM union meetings, workers have been united in their disgust for the bureaucrats.

At a special Rylock strike meeting, also attended by Caterpillar workers, the officials read a telegram from the International stating that the union refuses to give any more legal aid to strikers "breaking the injunction." To this the strikers answered "No Way! We are not going to sit back and let Rylock break our strike." While the bureaucrats called for "cooling it" and proposed the tactic of a nationwide boycott (what are they going to do, organize building contractors to boycott Rylock window frames?), the workers know that the bureaucrats are only trying to undermine their struggle. Four days after this meeting, three pickets were hit by a scab's car and sent to the hospital.

At the regular machinist union meeting the bureaucrats tried hard to keep the Caterpillar strike off the agenda but masses of workers there forced the issue. They were able to

pass two important motions that could serve to raise the level of struggle of the strike. First, two members of the negotiating committee were exposed as sell-outs and expelled from the committee by a vote of the rank and file. And second, the role of the Federal Mediation Service was exposed as an agency of the state which sides with the capitalists. By vote of the membership, the mediator is to be barred from the negotiations. One of the most convincing indictments of the bureaucrats came from Del Monte can workers. They said, "Don't listen to these officials, they just signed a contract for us, and we know they sold us out!"

The IAM strikers are learning through their daily experience that the owners, the cops, the courts and the union bureaucrats are all on the same "team". They are reading and distributing the Unite! newspapers, eager to learn about other struggles and the road to working class victory. In the words of one of the workers, "I don't know what socialism is, but I sure want to find out!" ★

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OSHA more teeth, or at least to keep what teeth it's got from being pulled? Should we be sure that a union representative accompanies the OSHA inspector (if he arrives) to make sure he sees what we need him to see? These are the things the present leaders of our unions are telling us to do.

Workers should do those things. But for the trade union leadership to limit their advice to such things is to miss the whole point of what OSHA means to the working class movement. More than that, such advice from our "leaders" amounts to leading the working class under the wing of the capitalist class, our enemy, instead of leading the class toward emancipation from the rule of capital.

The working class most definitely should not neglect the struggle to defend and strengthen the positive aspects of OSHA, and to utilize OSHA to the utmost to protect the lives and limbs of workers.

It has taken hundreds of years of struggle for the working class to force the capitalists to recognize formally the rights of workers to safe and healthy conditions. The passage of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 was a result of that struggle, it was a positive step in the class struggle, in that it established in law - that is, something binding on all the members of both classes - the principle that every employer must "furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees." (Quoted from OSHA law.)

But to succeed in forcing the establishment of that principle in bourgeois law is only one stage of the class struggle. The working class cannot rely on bourgeois law and administrative procedure to take its

course. They are there precisely to see to it that bourgeois property "rights" are not damaged, whether or not the human rights and needs of workers are protected. To make the primary task of workers to be the job of "seeing to it" that OSHA works "properly" is to advise workers to hang upon the coat tails of our class enemy.

In real life, the determination of what the capitalists will be forced to correct is always and only accomplished through the struggle of the working class against the capitalist class. It is pure and simple opportunism, class collaboration, for those who profess to be leaders of our class to preach reliance upon the state, the political instrument of our class enemy, to protect us from the capitalists.

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Class collaboration by the union bureaucrats can be seen in their unreserved support of OSHA's plan for foundries and mills such as this Jones & Laughlin plant in Detroit.

We ourselves, through our own class organizations, our unions and our own party, will, in the final analysis, be the only ones who will determine whether or not our health and safety are protected. The fulfillment of human needs against the resistance of property "rights" will only be resolved through class struggle,

both within the shop and in society at large. OSHA can certainly be made to serve us as a tool in the class struggle, but only as a secondary, and not very reliable, tool. Our primary weapon in cleaning up the foundries has to be our own consciousness and organization.

THE OPPORTUNISTS ALSO CRITICIZE OSHA

Of course, the opportunists in control of our unions also criticize OSHA.

The UE (United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America - not to be confused with IUE, which is an AFL-CIO union) is a large industrial union that is directly under the leadership, both ideologically and organizationally, of the so-called Communist Party, U.S.A. (CPUSA). The CPUSA was once the proud vanguard party of the U.S. working class, but has long since abandoned the Marxist-Leninist science of revolutionary class struggle and degenerated into a "party" of reform that preaches reliance on the liberal section of the bourgeoisie.

In an article in the May UE NEWS, the leadership of UE first reports on the positive aspects of OSHA's new foundry program, and then goes on to "criticize" OSHA for being half-hearted in enforcement, "modest" in its programs inconsistent in its regulations, and so on, while suggesting that OSHA's foundry program may not "live up to expectation."

But all this "criticism" amounts to nothing more than a cover for the class collaboration of the UE leadership. The entire spirit of the UE attitude toward OSHA, like the spirit of the "criticisms" that the leadership of the USWA and other unions have been leveling at OSHA for years, is that workers should look to the capitalist state with high expectations for a solution to the problems of health and safety, and that what's wrong with OSHA is that it

correction

In the last issue of Unite! an error was made in the article "IAM Machinist in Struggle". The \$3.50 wage proposed by the company was a 50% wage cut, not a \$50 wage cut as we said. It is outrageous but true that the capitalists are making such deep-cutting attacks on the working class!

has too few teeth, or is not "neutral" enough. By making only these sorts of criticisms of OSHA, they cover up the nature of the state as a class tool of our enemy, and leave the workers dependent on it.

WHAT MUST BE DONE

While the working class needs to recognize the essential bourgeois nature of such reforms as OSHA, and the limitations of those reforms in the overall struggle against the rule of capital, our class nevertheless needs to make the maximum use of such reforms in the fight to wring every concession and every improvement in our conditions that we can from the capitalists. The struggles for our immediate demands are necessary in order to increase the fighting capacity of the class and to bring the working class into a favorable position for the struggle of the final aims of the overthrow of capital and the establishment of the rule of labor. ★

In the next issue of UNITE!, we will describe the health hazards in foundries and put forth what we think needs to be done right now to improve the working conditions in the foundries and to preserve the life and strength of all the workers, while strengthening our unions as fighting organizations of the class.



BUILD THE PARTY PRESS!

The workers movement in the United States, at this time, is without the conscious leadership that only a revolutionary communist party can provide. As a result, many misleaders are in leading positions. In our trade unions, the trade union bureaucrats are in control. In the national movements, the Stokely Carmichaels and the Coretta Kings fill these positions. The revisionist 'Communist' Party is trying to mislead the workers and oppressed nationalities down the peaceful road of class collaboration. The spontaneous workers movement cries out for revolutionary leadership which can provide correct guidance in the day to day struggles as well as in the struggle for seizure of state power. This is the role of a communist party. But this party doesn't yet exist. We have to build such a party. This is the central task before us.

To build the party means to fuse scientific socialism with the spontaneous working class movement, this is the heart of the question. This means that the day to day struggles of the workers must be linked to the final goal of the working class, communism. This process of fusion has been going on for over a hundred years and will continue on long after the working class seizes state power. The communist press has an integral role in this process of fusion and in the building of the new communist party. UNITE! sets this task before itself.

UNITE! seeks to link all the struggles of the working class and oppressed peoples together, so that they are not just isolated struggles in one small area of the country but are connected as a part of an overall struggle against the bourgeoisie. It is through the pages of the newspaper that miners in West Virginia will learn that their struggles against the bureaucrats in the United Mine Workers are the same kind of struggles that steelworkers in Gary and Pittsburgh are waging against the bureaucrats in the United Steelworkers Union. They will learn that the bureaucrats in their unions are a part of an entire bought off strata and not just some misguided workers. Lenin, in *WHAT IS TO BE DONE?*, summed this up with a very clear example.

"Pray tell me, when bricklayers lay bricks in various parts of an enormous unprecedently large structure, is it 'paper' work to use a line to help them find the correct place for the brick laying, to indicate to them the ultimate goal of the common work, to enable them to use not only every brick, but every piece of brick which cemented together to the bricks laid before and after it, forms a finished, continuous line? And are we not now passing through such a period in our Party life when we have bricks and bricklayers but lack the guideline for all to see and follow?" LCW Vol 5 p 501

The newspaper is this main line, the main connection of the party to the workers that will be this kind of guide. The newspaper takes all these isolated struggles of the workers and oppressed nationalities and through its agitation

and propaganda draws out the significant lessons for the entire class to learn. But the paper is more than a collective agitator and propagandist, it is also a collective organizer.

Around the newspaper develops a network of agents. This network arises from such functions as the distribution of the newspaper as well as contributions to the paper. This network is like a web that will embrace the entire working class.

This network makes use of both legal and illegal forms of activity. In the main we will strive for illegal networks, because with the rise of fascism we will no longer be able to maintain our legal forms. At this time we are able to make use of some legal forms. For example, around the country UNITE! committees are being set up. These are legal forms. These committees are composed of friends and contacts of the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee. One task of these committees is to distribute the paper in an open way at plant gates, in communities or wherever workers gather.

We are also able to make use of community stores to distribute our material. For example, in some cities our Africa pamphlet is being distributed in record stores, community centers, laundromats, etc.

We have no illusions that soon the day will come when we will no longer be able to make use of these legal means for contacting the masses of people. The bourgeoisie will not allow it to take place. But until that time we will use these and other forms to further the aims of the working class.

The illegal networks are being built in the factories and communities. Hand to hand distribution in these places is not open for the bourgeoisie to see and therefore it will not be able to smash these contacts. This is the primary form that must be built now. These links will be the primary way that the party will be able to maintain close ties to the masses no matter what level of repression takes place. The party under capitalism is a highly illegal organization and if the capitalists were able to smash it, they would at a moments notice. This is why the party must establish these illegal networks.

IDEOLOGICAL CENTER

The paper is the ideological and political center for the working class. It is here that the working class will turn for its guidance. The paper is the most open voice of the party. Through the pages of the paper the party will express its views on all major questions facing the working class and oppressed nationalities. It is for this reason that the paper must not limit itself to a narrow scope. It must take up every struggle of the working class, answer all questions that are pressing for the working class movement and it must expose the bourgeoisie and their servants at every turn. It must take up the struggles of the allies of the working class the oppressed nationalities. The agitation and propaganda must serve to give the kind of prac-

tical guidance that the working class demands on all questions. In this way the working class will embrace the paper as its own. Under capitalism, it is the bourgeois perspective that is dominant and so the party must address itself to all matters in order that the viewpoint of the proletariat be known.

AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA

As we stated earlier, the central task that faces us is founding a new communist party. The stage of party building that we are in is winning the vanguard. What this means is to win over the class conscious workers and other revolutionary forces to communism and away from opportunism. And it also means to forge a party program, to determine our tactics for the period ahead, to build cadre ideologically, politically and organizationally. All these components make up winning the vanguard; they are components required for firmly grounding the party in Marxism Leninism. Here is what Comrade Stalin said about winning the vanguard.

"The principle task of communism in Russia in that period was to recruit into the party the best elements of the working class, those who were most active and the most devoted to the cause of the proletariat, to form the ranks of the proletarian party, and to put it firmly on its feet. Comrade Lenin formulates this task as follows 'to win the vanguard of the proletariat to the side of communism.'" Stalin, Moscow edition, 1953, Vol 5, p 104

In order to accomplish this task propaganda must be our chief form of activity. It is through propaganda that we will consolidate and deepen the understanding of the advanced section of the working class that are won over to the struggle for the party. This is necessary in order to make the understanding on various questions scientific understanding. For example, while a worker may be clear about the role of a trade union bureaucrat, this same worker may not have a scientific understanding regarding the material base for the opportunism of this bureaucrat. This is one task of propaganda—to deepen and consolidate, to fuse Marxism Leninism with the working class movement.

Because propaganda explains many ideas, so many in fact they can only be understood by a relatively small audience, propaganda activity at this time is primarily carried out through study circles, small fireside discussions, other word of mouth discussions and through pamphlets.

However, to say that propaganda is the chief form of activity in this period of winning the vanguard does not mean propaganda and propaganda only. Not by any means. In the newspaper, agitation is primary. However the newspaper must also contain propaganda pieces such as this article.

Today the spontaneous workers

movement is at a relatively high level. This is evidenced by the strike level and the struggle against the bureaucrats for example.

However, because a party has not been formed which has succeeded in winning over large numbers of advanced elements, the Marxist-Leninist leadership of the working class movement is uneven. Because of this it is the task of the communist press to make broad use of agitation to give communist leadership to mass struggles. This will be done by taking up the day to day struggles of the working class and giving them correct guidance and linking them to the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of socialism. Agitation, because it takes only a few ideas and explains them clearly so that it can be understood by a large number of people, is able to accomplish this task of winning over large numbers of workers to communist leadership. It will be through the correct leadership that is given to the day to day struggles of the broad masses that the advanced will come forward into the ranks of

HISTOR



In our last study of the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, we found that there had been a rise in the revolutionary workers movement all across Russia. The government began adopting emergency measures to suppress this activity. And in the height of this imperialist war broke out. That brings us to the current chapter of the History.

The Bolsheviks had known that war was coming long before the actual outbreak of the war. Lenin had pointed out that war was an inevitable result of capitalism. In the era of imperialism the development of countries proceeds extremely unevenly and by leaps. Some countries which at one time held a dominant position, now develop slowly while others which were formerly backward overtake these.

A good example of this is the United States. Since World War II the US has held a dominant world position. Yet for various reasons including loss of some of its areas of control, like Vietnam and Kampuchea, it is now a declining power. On the other hand, the Soviet Union, new to the plunder of the world, is a rising power.

With this uneven development arises a striving for a redivision of the world. The struggle for this redivision makes war inevitable.

Which Road For ALSC?

BUILD THE PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS!

At the same time that we build this campaign we must actively go about building the new communist party, because without the overall leadership of a party the struggle against war or efforts to turn imperialist war into a civil war would be extremely limited. It is only the party that can give the kind of broad guidance to all sectors of society that is needed in the time of war both civil war and imperialist war. Without the party we are without our general staff. And no war has ever been won without a general staff.



ANDREW YOUNG APOLOGIST FOR U.S. IMPERIALISM



Andrew Young



African Liberation Day Coalition demonstrated in front of the White House in opposition to superpower contention in Africa

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Masses Support African Struggles

Thousands demonstrated on African Liberation Day in support of the people of Africa. Compared to the small turnouts of 1975 and 1976, this year marked a strong resurgence. But the division of the people into three marches in Washington D.C. shows that we have a long way to go.

The largest of the D.C. marches, that of the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party drew about 5000. As in past years, Stokely Carmichael used the traditional Malcolm X park gathering to push the dangerous line that only the U.S. imperialists and the settler regimes, and not the U.S.S.R. exploit and oppress the African people. Denying that the Afro-American struggle must be linked with that of the U.S. multi-national working class, Carmichael would weaken the ability of the multi-national peoples of the U.S. to support the struggles of the African people.

One very notable change from last year was that thousands chose to march in multi-national demonstrations. But these, too, were divided by incorrect lines on how to give support for the people of Africa.

One march sponsored by the remnants of the African Liberation Support Committee drew about 1000 people. Respecting the ALSC for its past work, many honest forces who had come by buses from New York and North Carolina found themselves subjected to the long and dishonest harangues of the Workers Viewpoint Organization that is currently calling

the shots in ALSC. For this march the one truly bright spot, was the participation of a speaker from Zimbabwean African National Union (ZANU).

The most militant and largest demonstration that opposed both U.S. imperialism and U.S.S.R. social-imperialism was that of the African Liberation Day Coalition. 2000 people marched on the White House. Speakers such as David Sibeko of the Pan-Africanist Congress, and Fred Walters of the Gulf Coast Pulpworkers Union linked up the struggles of Africa and the multi-national peoples of the U.S. Speakers, chants and banners condemned the superpowers and called for the unity of the people.

In a futile attempt to disrupt this unity, a Nazi contingent ran through the edge of the staging area for the demonstration in Kalorama Park. Followed closely by the police, the Nazis obviously hoped to provoke a police assault on the demonstrators, so as to mar the march.

Regrettably, it was the tactical leadership of the ALD coalition that contributed most to marring the unity of a generally correct demonstration. Faced with two groups of Iranian Students, the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) decided to support the incorrect demands of one group (with which they have traditionally worked) that the other group be excluded. Since both groups said that they supported the demands of the demonstration, this exclusion was totally sectarian and weakened the march both in numbers and in its

As the chief U.N. spokesman for the U.S. imperialists, Andrew Young has said some candid and strange-sounding things. He has attacked the last four U.S. presidents, British ambassadors, the Swedes, the Russians and the British as racists. He has said that the U.S.S.R.-sponsored Cuban troops that currently control Angola "bring a certain stability and order." Most recently, when asked about the new presence of Cuban military advisors in Ethiopia, he responded that "It might not be a bad thing." Some people have taken the view that Andrew Young is an innocent with room to indulge himself because he helped deliver the Black vote to Carter. Young's response to this charge is that "Everything that I have ever done has been called innocent and naive by the intellectuals and the press. When we organized the business community in Atlanta, they said it couldn't be done. And yet everything that I have ever done has worked." Without going along with the arrogance of the last claim, we certainly agree that Young's actions are far from naive or innocent.

Entering upon the scene when the U.S. imperialists' room for maneuver has been greatly reduced because of its actions and defeat in Vietnam, its oppression of the Afro-American people here, and its support of apartheid in Africa, Young has quickly moved to equalize the U.S.S.R.'s advantage in Africa, by claiming that U.S. presidents, Russian premiers, and

all the rest of us are equally racists. Imperialism and social-imperialism, according to Young, are equally "insensitive to cultural differences." His purpose is clearly not to rid Africa from plunder but to regain room for U.S. imperialism.

As to Young's remarks on the Cuban's lending stability in Angola, these are the consistent expressions of an imperialist in the market for a client to do some dirty work that cannot presently be done directly. In his major foreign policy address at Notre Dame, Carter has said that U.S. policy will no longer be determined by fear of 'communism', meaning, in fact, the revisionism of the social-imperialist U.S.S.R. and other countries who follow their line. The Cubans are attempting to make Angola safe for imperialism, and that is something that Young and Carter cannot directly assure. Both Carter and Brezhnev would rather see a country temporarily 'stabilized' by each other, rather than for the country to achieve independence through national liberation.

While it is obvious that Young is far from innocent and is serving the interests of Carter and the U.S. imperialists, it does not mean that he is doing it the way that they would best prefer. Because of their needs, he is given some leeway. Young is using that to advance Social-Democratic, and ultimately social-fascist positions that will stand him in good stead in future adventures of U.S. imperialism.

Victory to the Ethiopian People!

Since the February 3rd coup, the regime of Mengistu Mariam in Ethiopia, has desperately increased the fascist terror against the Ethiopian and Eritrean people. Thousands have been murdered. Thousands have been tortured. Hundreds of thousands have become refugees in the Sudan.

Helping in this destruction has been not only the U.S. but the U.S.S.R. Cuban military advisors have moved into Ethiopia, just as they did earlier in Angola. But, unlike in Angola, they could not even start with the excuse that they were there to help free the country of foreign troops. They are the foreign troops, and the Ethiopian and Eritrean peoples have

roundly condemned them. Here in the U.S., Ethiopian and Eritrean students have denounced the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. collusion and contention that seeks to oppress their peoples.

The Ethiopian and Eritrean peoples have won great victories against feudalism and imperialism. In 1974, they toppled the feudal regime of Haile Selassie, which had been more heavily armed by the U.S. than any other African nation. Today, the Eritrean people, after a 15 year armed struggle, have freed almost all of the territory of Eritrea. The fascist terror and the outrageous presence of Cuban advisors are desperate attempts that will surely fail. ★

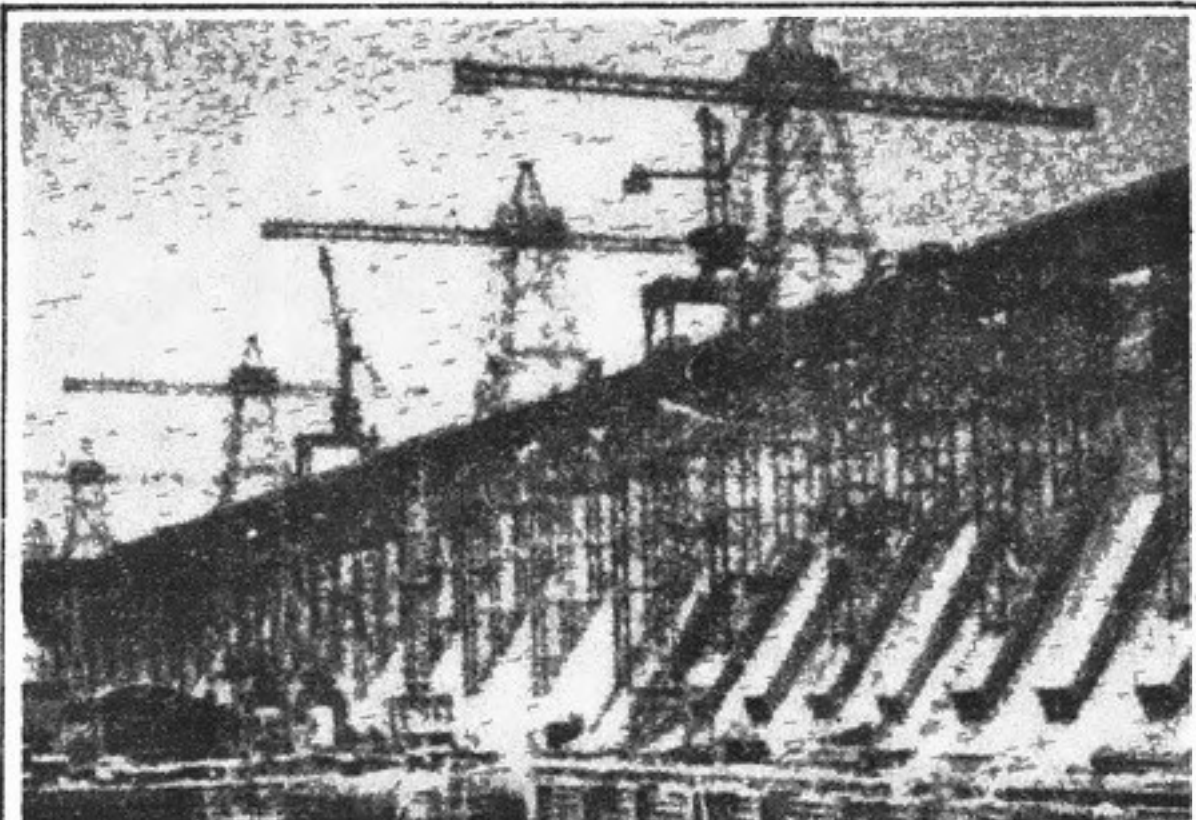
principles. The exclusion represented an unprincipled interference by the RCP in the national liberation struggles of another country.

African Liberation Day is an important focus of our support for the peoples of Africa. But true support must obviously be year-round and take many forms. These include direct material support, work in trade unions to

link the revolutionary struggles here and there. The MLOC, like other organizations, is in the process of extending guidelines for its work for the coming period. Plans for that work, and plans to overcome the opportunism that held back this year's mobilization for ALD and split the working class into three contingents will be set out in future issues of UNITE! ★

C.M.E.A. TOOL OF SOVIET PLUNDER

THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, UNDER THE GUISE OF A "DIVISION OF LABOR" THE U.S.S.R. EXPLOITS MARKETS, RESOURCES AND LABOR POWER



Huge projects such as this hydropower plant at Angara, are being built in the U.S.S.R. with resources, capital and labor-power stolen from other C.M.E.A. member nations

In the last two issues of *Unite!* we have written about the EEC (European Economic Community) and NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). These two articles have focused on U.S. imperialism and its European allies. Now we must focus on Soviet social-imperialism and its allies. The great struggle dominating the world scene today is between these two super powers. It is reflected in both

contention and collusion, in every corner of the globe and leaves no nation or people untouched. In this article we take a look at the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA), also called COMECON. CMEA was founded at the insistence of the U.S.S.R. and comprises most of the revisionist countries of Eastern Europe. As before, our goal is to determine who are the friends of the world's proletariat, and who are its enemies.

The Soviet Union is an imperialist superpower. Capitalism has been restored in the U.S.S.R. by a revisionist clique that dominates the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. When Khrushchev seized control of the Party and the state apparatus after the death of Stalin in 1953, this process, which was long in developing covertly inside the country, first came to view. Since then, capitalism has been fully restored. The first socialist state, the homeland of Lenin and Stalin, was turned into an aggressive, state monopoly capitalist superpower.

Keeping this in mind, we can cut through the demagoguery (making use of popular sentiments and false claims to gain power) of the Soviet revisionists. Crawling the globe, bent upon plunder, they hide behind a socialist mask, parading as friends of the world's people. If we examine the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) we can expose these revisionists.

Similar to the EEC in western Europe, the CMEA is an inter-revisionist organization composed of the U.S.S.R., revisionist countries of eastern Europe (Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, east Germany) and other nations that follow the line of the Soviet revisionists—Cuba, Mongolia, Mozambique. Moscow has billed the CMEA as a "new stage" in collaboration, a system of "a new type" that undertakes mutual obligation for allies.

Called "economic integration", an "international division of labor" or "specialization in production", the basic theory behind CMEA is what the Soviet's call "limited sovereignty". In other words, to better cooperate, member nations limit their national sovereignty and put the

needs of CMEA ahead of the needs of the individual countries.

On the surface this sounds very good. International cooperation and mutual assistance among nations is an admirable thing. But the question arises, if the Soviet Union is an imperialist state, how can genuine cooperation and mutual assistance exist within the framework of capitalist competition and exploitation? The answer is that it can't. The objective laws of imperialism do not allow it. What then is CMEA? It is a most highly developed form of capitalist integration, a most sophisticated neo-colonialism. It is a Soviet tool of economic and political pressure, interference and subjugation of member nations. The full intent is to turn these nations into union republics of the U.S.S.R. That is, to eventually swallow them up. Here is what comrade Enver Hoxha, of the Party of Labor of Albania, has said of CMEA:

"This organization is dominated by the Soviet revisionists, who aim to use it in their hegemonistic interest to exploit and direct the economies of the other member countries, to compel them to develop in the direction the Soviets desire, and to tie up economies of the other countries in a way that, through sham socialist cooperation, they also dominate these states politically. (ALBANIA TODAY, May-June, 1974)

Basic to the concept of "limited sovereignty" is the notion that it is foolish, unnecessary and impossible for countries, especially small ones, to develop independent economies. The revisionists insist the solution is to consolidate, having some nations

develop certain industry, agriculture or raw materials, while other countries develop different ones. But what happens is these small countries become dependent upon the U.S.S.R. to supply items they do not produce themselves. This economic dependence ultimately leads to political dependence in that the U.S.S.R. has a club to threaten and intimidate with. It also leads to plunder of the resources of smaller nations. The Soviet Union buys raw materials and agricultural products cheap and sells fuel, commodities and machinery dear.

EXAMPLES

Exploitation occurs through unequal value exchanges, too. For example, in Bulgaria the Soviets sell ore at 75% higher prices than they sell it on the home market. They pay Bulgaria 17% lower prices for farm goods than the national markets. The U.S.S.R. buys natural gas from Iran at a quarter of the price it sells it to the eastern European countries for.

Another example. CMEA has developed two banks, controlled by the U.S.S.R. These banks give lower interest rates to the Soviets (2%) than is stipulated in CMEA agreements (3-5%). The Soviet Union violates agreements at will. They raise prices on oil and fuel exports contrary to agreements. The 1975 cost of fuel and raw materials rose 130%. This year, they have already risen 22%.

CMEA has agreed to undertake joint economic projects to develop industry and raw materials. Naturally, almost all of these projects are inside the Soviet Union. Other member nations are forced to send capital, materials and workers to speed up industrialization of backward areas in the Soviet Union such as Siberia. The result has been disastrous for the other nations. In Poland construction of some projects has been stopped midway. In Hungary, major targets set in 1976 for industrial development have not been met. Short market supplies, heavy debts, dislocation of industry and crop failure have resulted from this policy. The Soviet Union literally takes thousands of workers from these nations.

The result of all this, of course, is not mutual assistance as is so hotly proclaimed. Under the hegemony of the Soviet revisionists, this neo-colonial exploitation results in lopsided economies and economic dependence upon the U.S.S.R. Naturally political consequences stem from this economic dependency. Moscow can open and close the oil and gas taps whenever they like, thus pressuring member countries into accepting their political dictates. And of course, military force is always the last resort, as clearly demonstrated in 1968 in Czechoslovakia when Soviet tanks rolled over that country.

RESISTANCE

Despite demagogic lies and distortions, this process of capitalist integration does not develop calmly, but through antagonistic contradictions and struggle. Much grumbling and resistance is taking place today among member nations in response to

Soviet policies of unequal value exchanges, price increases and a reduction of fuel and oil exports. Poland, Czechoslovakia and other countries are looking to other nations to fill their needs for oil and raw materials. They are looking to western countries, for both importing and exporting goods, exchanging patents and scientific information, developing cultural and political ties. But a turn from exploitation by one capitalist country to another does not serve the interests of the working masses in these countries.

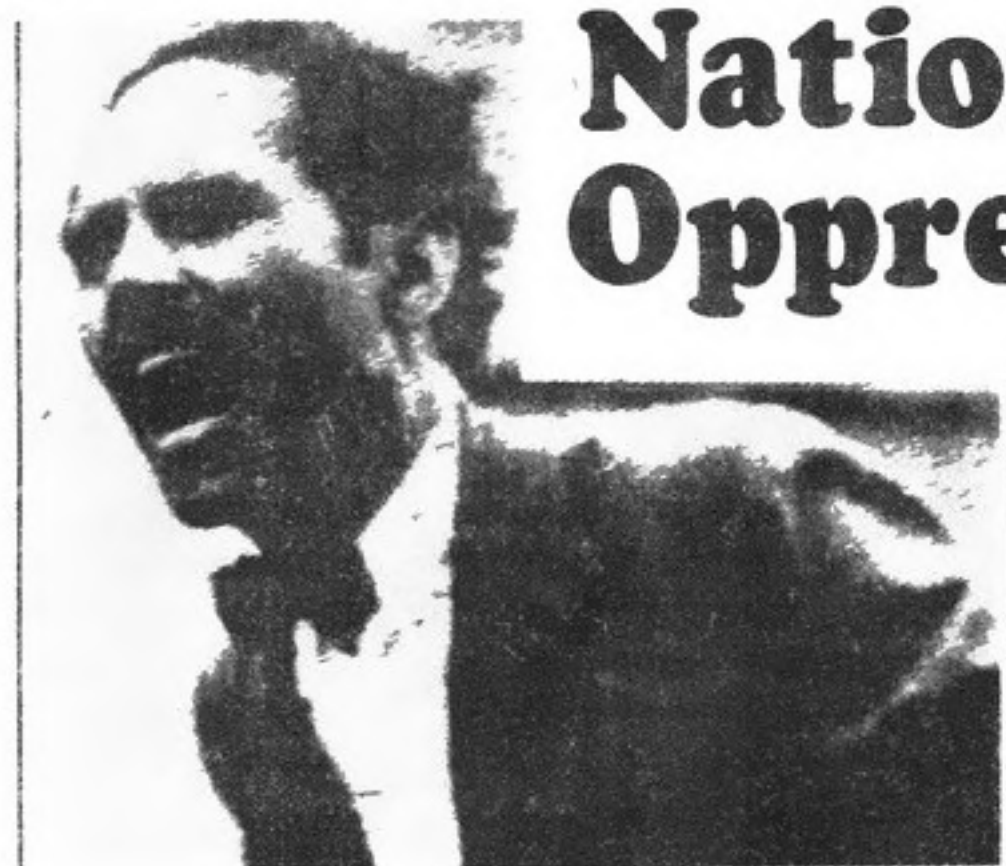
The resistance that will have a much more profound effect upon the situation is the resistance of the working class of these nations, not only against the Soviet revisionists but the revisionist leaders at home. This resistance is growing. In Poland in June of last year, thousands of workers at the Ursus Tractor Company on the outskirts of Warsaw stopped work in protest against inflation, erected barricades and struck.

CMEA is an organization of the inter-state capitalist type. It makes the economies of member nations appendages of the Soviet Union, complementing the Soviet market and integrated into the Soviet economy. It's clear this benefits the Soviet revisionists to the detriment of the working masses in the member nations. But CMEA also helps prop up the Soviet economy, fights off the effects of the general crisis, and enables the Soviet Union to continue the military build up and aggressive moves that are leading to World War III.

For the time being they are getting away with it, partly because of the demagoguery which plays upon the genuine sentiments of the masses, and partly because of the treachery of the revisionist leadership in the "satellite" countries. This is exactly why the socialist cover must be ripped away and the naked truth of Soviet aggression exposed. Truly fraternal and internationalist relations are impossible under capitalism. They exist only among countries ruled by a dictatorship of the proletariat which are developing on the road of revolution and socialist construction. Countries such as the People's Republic of Albania and the People's Republic of China stand as shining examples.

Daily, the conditions in the capitalist and revisionist world are worsening. Even in 1974, the Albanians said that 100 million people were unemployed in the U.S., the U.S.S.R. and the bourgeois-revisionist countries. This is staggering when one thinks of all the hands and minds that are idle and unused. And when one thinks of all the unmet needs of the world's people. It is surely true that the capitalist-revisionist relations of production are a fetter upon the skills, abilities and well being of the masses of laboring people. An economic and political ruling system that cannot even guarantee the livelihood of those it professes to rule must be overthrown and a new system erected. Organizations such as CMEA are not that "new stage" or "new type" of system, as the Soviet revisionists would have us believe. The new system is genuine, not sham socialism—a real dictatorship of the working class. ★

Spontaneous Resistance to National Oppression



Puerto Rican patriot Pedro Albizu Campos and many like him struggle for Puerto Rican independence

IN PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY, CHICAGO POLICE "SERVE AND PROTECT" THE BOURGEOISIE

Chicago, Illinois — On June 4th a Puerto Rican Day parade and picknicking in Humboldt Park erupted into a two day struggle between members of the Puerto Rican community and the Chicago Police Department. By the end, three people were dead and more than 100 were injured, including a young woman who was clubbed by police and thrown down a stairway. 154 people were arrested.

Deliberate obscuring of the facts and hysterical reporting by local media have lead to some confusion about just what happened. Police say

rival Puerto Rican street gangs rumbled in the park. Police then jumped in to "protect" the crowd. Yet 200 police in riot gear began pouring into Humboldt Park and the surrounding neighborhood long before any disturbances broke out. Police say that Julio Osorio fired shots at the police, yet both he and Rafael Cruz were shot in the back by police bullets. No gun was ever found on Osorio.

For days following the struggle the bourgeois press has been trying to

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In Chile...Resistance will Triumph!



(from El Pueblo)

The line of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile (RCP) and the People's Front of Chile says the liberation of the Chilean people from the double yoke of fascism and Yanqui (U.S.) imperialism depends ultimately upon the struggle of the Chilean masses. International solidarity, however, assists and complements that struggle.

Here in the U.S. all who despise the fascist violence, terror and economic exploitation which has brought misery and starvation to the Chilean people, can assist this struggle. We can stand firmly in support of the Chilean masses, denouncing the Pinochet junta and the U.S. imperialists responsible for its "victory" on September 11, 1973.

Conditions for the masses in Chile are appalling. On the economic front, inflation continues at a rapid rate estimated at 200% a year. Unemployment, which always goes hand in hand with inflation, is wide-

spread. Life always difficult for the Chilean workers and peasants, has become a fierce fight against starvation. Of course resistance to these conditions is inevitable. And so is the fascist's use of violence and terror to quell resistance. Jailings, torture and murder are common, as the people have been stripped of all their basic democratic rights.

Despite all this, the masses resist. Strikes and struggles still take place. Underground resistance committees spring up and grow. Housewives protest. It has become a habit for many not to buy anything on the 11th day of the month in resistance to the economic conditions and the junta that seized power on September 11.

Under the leadership of the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile, and the People's Front, the network of resistance committees are growing as the people unite behind the **STRUGGLE FOR BREAD, WORK, LAND AND LIBERTY!**

Worldwide reaction against the junta has come from many spheres. For example, in 1976, the Chilean government was expelled from the movement of the non-aligned countries. As many Chileans have been forced to flee their homeland and live abroad, they work tirelessly building support for their people's struggle. Support committees exist in many countries. ANCHA (Agencia Noticiosa Chilena Antifascista), the Chilean Antifascist



Israel soldiers on patrol in the West Bank

The victory of the Likud party in the Israeli elections in May has caused some dismay among the parties seeking to develop a Middle East peace plan. The Arab countries see it as the catalyst for another Arab-Israeli war. The U.S., while remaining confident that it will be able to maintain a hold over the new Israeli regime, recognizes some problems in the implementation of a Mid-East settlement beneficial to its interests. (See UNITE!, Vol 3, No 5)

It is true that the Likud does indicate that it will not return all of the occupied territories from the 1967 war and will seek to settle the land. But, although the Labor Party which ruled Israel from its inception said that it was ready to return most of the occupied territories and forbade settlements, nearly 100 settlements mushroomed in the last few years. In fact, Likud and Labor agreed on 3 fundamental issues: refusal to accept an independent Palestinian state, refusal to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and refusal to withdraw completely to the 1967 boundaries.

What the Likud-led government will do in the occupied territories is nothing different than what occurred under the Labor Party. The difference lies in that the new government will sanction these actions of territorial annexation and police repression under the guise of biblical right and national security.

ZIONISM BREEDS FASCISM

In colonial-settler states like Israel and South Africa (Azania), the ruling nationality in order to maintain power, must pit its people against the masses of the colonized nation. In Israel, Zionism plays upon religious and cultural differences between Jews and Arabs fanning racial hatred.

Fascism Tightens Grip in ISRAEL

Zionism has justified the fascist rule of the Jew over the Arab

In addition to stepped up settlements and attacks against Palestinians in the occupied territories, the new government, which also includes the two most influential religious parties, will present a program for the further Judaization of Israel. There will be a strengthening of laws determining who is or is not a Jew, more laws restricting activity on the Jewish sabbath, and an appeal of an abortion law which allows abortions for social reasons. To bolster Israel's sagging capitalist economy, the government will attempt to implement binding arbitration to cut down on the number of strikes and repeal the full employment law. In addition, a 5 day work week in which workers are to labor for as many hours as they do in the current 6 day week is also proposed. What this all amounts to is an open attack against the entire Israeli working class, another call by the bourgeoisie to sacrifice some more for the sake of Zionism.

REPRESSION BREEDS RESISTANCE

The unfolding fascist assault of the Zionists against the Palestinian peoples will surely met with fierce resistance. Israeli Arabs have demonstrated their readiness to rise up against oppressive actions of the state. In the occupied territories, Palestinians under the increasing influence of the revolutionary leadership of the PLO, are becoming prepared to turn back the fascist tide.

Here in the U.S. we can aid the Palestinian people's struggle against Zionism and fascism by passing resolutions in our trade unions against aid and trade with Israel. Whenever possible we should educate our fellow workers of all nationalities as to the reactionary nature of Zionism while at the same time combating its twin, anti-semitism. ★

News Agency, is published in France and disseminates propaganda from the underground and the Party. It exposes the true story of the resistance struggle and the misery of the people, while the U.S. imperialists, big monopoly capitalists and big land-owners grow rich and fat off the blood and tears of the toiling masses. ANCHA seeks to launch a worldwide campaign of solidarity with the struggles of the Chilean people. The resistance committees inside Chile need our material support. Any contributions should be sent by check in the name of B. Guernien to

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By far, our greatest service to the Chilean masses will be to heighten our struggle against the U.S. imperialist ruling class, and move every closer to the day of their eventual demise.

THE RESISTANCE WILL TRIUMPH!

Unite! is proud to be able to distribute the publications of the Popular Front, ANCHA as well as the organ of the RCP, El Pueblo. ANCHA is available every month and El Pueblo on an irregular basis. Currently, these publications are available only in Spanish. The cost is \$ 50 per issue or \$5 per subscription.

Free the Dawson 5!

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the Superior Court in late June. Now the Judge expects the case to begin some time in September or October. He claims this is necessary because of the illness of the prosecutor and the need to consider pre-trial motions by the defense, one of which is the complaint that the youths are being denied the "right to a speedy trial."

Are these youths cold-blooded murderers with long criminal records that would merit such high bond? Should they be considered a high security risk? Do they deserve to sit in jail for 17 months without a trial? These youths have much in common. They are all Black, all rural poor, and never been in "trouble" before.

—Henderson Watson, 22, after he completed the 8th grade, left school and began picking cotton and peanuts in Terrell County. He has always lived with his family and never been in any trouble with the law. —Roosevelt Watson, 17, like his brother worked in the fields picking cotton and peanuts to help support his family. After completing the 8th grade he went to work for the Drew Hill peanut plant where he was arrested. He also has lived with his family all his life and never been in any trouble.

—J.D. Davenport, 18, one of nine children, was from Tifton. His mother does factory work. He is a cousin of the Watsons. He most recently worked in tobacco factories. He also has never been in trouble before.

—Johnny Jackson, 18, born into a sharecropper family who have worked 2 farms in the Terrell area. He also worked for Drew Hill. He has

never been in trouble with the law — James Jackson, 17, worked the fields along with his family and worked for Drew Hill. He has never had any problems with the law.

So we wonder why these 5 innocent young men were fingered for this murder. What is the situation in Terrell County that would make it possible for these young men to be facing electrocution?

Dawson, Georgia is located in southwest Georgia. It is a cotton and peanut farming area which is 60% Black. However, it is dominated and controlled by a small white minority. The earnings of the vast majority of Black families is below the poverty level. A good job is a \$2 an hour shift at the peanut shelling plant where several of the young men worked. Many homes in the area are similar to the Watson home. It is without running water or heating. The cracks in the floor are covered by flattened snuff tins.

Here in Dawson, despite the numerical majority, Blacks hold no office in the city or county government or the school board, even though the public schools are almost entirely Black. The white students all go to private schools. The situation in Dawson is not new or unique. There have been many cases in the past and today that are very similar to the case of the Dawson 5. One of the most famous cases which bears striking similarity is the case of the Scottsboro Boys, where 9 youths were framed for the rape of a white woman and sentenced to die. This kind of oppression that exists in the South has gone on for hundreds of years.

IMPERIALIST EXPLOITATION

After the Civil War, Blacks struggled to claim the land that they had earned with their sweat and blood as slaves. Despite the fact that land was promised to them in Reconstruction, Southern plantation owners and the northern industrialists and bankers made a deal to deprive them of this basic democratic right. The North would have the agricultural and mineral resources for use in the northern factories and the plantation owners would have the lands back and rule over the Blacks and poor whites. Through open and brutal terror by the Ku Klux Klan, the Southern landlords were able to steal the land back from the freed slaves. In this way the northern imperialist interests took over the control of the nation in the South with full cooperation of the Southern aristocracy.

The systematic oppression of this nation in the South has continued to this day. Open terror is still used to maintain the system of rule by the minority, and the case of the Dawson 5 is such an example. Who it is that is chosen as a target for this kind of terror is often arbitrary. It could have been any 5 youths as long as they were poor and Black. The point is to consistently have an example.

This kind of oppression can and will be ended. It will be ended when

the imperialists are driven out of the nation in the South and the people of that nation have the right to the land and the right of self-determination.

The case of the 5 youths from Dawson is an important struggle for several reasons. One because there are 5 Black youths' lives at stake. Secondly, because it is a question of resisting this continued national oppression. We must actively support the Dawson 5 in their fight for freedom. There are petitions available to have filled out that demand the charges be dropped. We must try to get resolutions passed in our unions, student governments, church groups, etc. that demand charges be dropped. We must do everything that we can to prevent these youths from ever seeing the electric chair or spending the rest of their lives in jail. Sample resolutions, petitions and posters available through Unite! Send donations to Southern Poverty Law Center- 15 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, Georgia



National Oppression & RESISTANCE!

Defeat THE Bakke Decision!

Allan Bakke, a 34 year old white male, applied for medical school at the University of California at Davis in both 1973 and 1974. In both instances, he was denied admission and consequently sued the university on the basis of "reverse discrimination", charging that he was better qualified than several of the 16 minority students who were admitted under special admission programs. Last September the California Supreme Court agreed to his charges and ordered that he be admitted to Davis this coming fall term. This completely ignores the overt exploitation and oppression faced by women, oppressed nationalities, and the working class. Meanwhile, the case is before the U.S. Supreme Court, which is expected to hear it in October of this year.

Bakke's case rests upon the assertion that he was more qualified than the minorities who were admitted based upon their grade point averages and Medical College Admissions test scores. Such criteria, however, are biased in favor of the bourgeoisie and petit-bourgeoisie and are just

another ruling class trap which attempts to mislead us into thinking that this society is based on equality with equal opportunities available to everyone. In 1967-69, only one Black and two Chicanos were admitted into U.C. Davis' Medical School. Nearly 70% of its graduate schools remain male, and 75% white.

The Bakke Decision was no accident, but rather is a clear manifestation of the growing oppression and exploitation of oppressed nationality students, women, and the working class, by the bourgeoisie in capitalism's most recent crisis. In addition, we must recognize that the Bakke Decision is not one of white vs. non-white, but one of class struggle between the ruling owners of factories, banks, land, etc. and the masses of the working class.

In a capitalist society, educational institutions serve two major functions. The first is to perpetuate bourgeois ideology, and the second is to educate, train and then channel students into the economic system. We become educated solely through the perspective of the bourgeoisie and are denied an accurate history of

the working class, oppressed nationalities, and women.

The attacks on minorities, women, and the working class contained in the Bakke Decision go beyond the universities. The San Francisco Court has already overturned the Affirmative Action hiring programs in the Department of Corrections. Los Angeles County has recently decided to "review" their Affirmative Action Program. The anti-Bakke struggle must include a student alliance as well as the Black, Asian, Chicano and American Indian peoples.

The University of California is now appealing the Bakke Decision, but we can see from its past and present discrimination, that it has not and does not intend to defend our rights, and in fact, denies that they ever were discriminatory. This recent mediator role the university has been playing, is an effort to gain control, then eliminate student token programs, and ultimately smash the revolutionary student movement. Realizing that U.C. is just another arm of the state, we can expect that final university policies dictated by the ruling class, will represent the

political and economic interests of that class. This decision cannot be defeated only through the courts. We must dispel all illusions that the capitalist system will work in our interests. In the 60's and early 70's, the masses of students picketed, demonstrated, and occupied campuses. Reforms such as ethnic studies and special admission programs were won as concessions as a result of the multi-national mass struggle. The only way that the Bakke Decision can be overturned and minority admissions extended, will be through militant struggle. It's important that we unite workers and students of all nationalities to defeat the Bakke Decision and fight our common enemy, the bourgeoisie.

We favor fighting for reforms such as affirmative action, special admissions programs, ethnic studies, and women's programs, but we must also realize the limitations of such reforms. Only through socialist revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat can we achieve qualitative change.

**BUILD MULTI-NATIONAL UNITY
TO DEFEAT THE
BAKKE DECISION!**

This is the third and final part of our series on prisons in the South. The series has focused on Angola as a typical example of this system that is run for profit.

As long as prisons have existed in Louisiana and throughout the Black Belt Nation, prisoners, Black and white, have fought back against the brutal repression and racist ideology which characterizes the system. It has been said that the whole history of Angola is a history of mass inmate strikes and riots.

At Angola in the 1950's there was a wide-spread, militant protest organized by prisoners, which contributed to the defeat of the government and started the first of many "reform" waves of the prison. The protest was begun when 37 prisoners slashed their heel tendons in outrage at the brutal conditions.

As a result of these demonstrations, a "Forgotten Man" committee was set up which found some 22 prisoners who had literally been "forgotten" by the state. Many had long ago completed their sentences and had never been released, while others, although eligible for parole, had never received it.

In 1971-72 large-scale riots occurred at Angola which resulted in the burning down of several rotten buildings, the killing of a guard and a brutal retaliation against the prisoners which left hundreds badly beaten and maimed, and the Angola 4 framed for murder.

Every few years there is another uprising at Angola, St. Gabriel or in the parish prisons of Louisiana. The rebellion of the Atmore-Holman Brothers in Alabama is another example of the heroism of prisoners in the South. And every time these uprisings occur, the state attempts to quiet the unrest with a few reforms.

But the guts of Angola, the Black slave-labor plantation system, has never been eliminated in all of these reforms. The state prison board openly maintains that its main function is to produce a profit. The intellectual debate about prisons for punishment or rehabilitation has never been of much significance in the Black Belt. Instead, it has been a philosophy of "punishment for profit." The clear aim is to make money through the use of slave labor and to create prisons of such a terrible and terrifying reputation as to be able to terrorize and threaten the masses of "free" Black and white poor and working people into submission.

This series of articles has gone into great detail about the history and conditions at these Southern prison plantations and specifically Angola. It is difficult, however, to really convey the depth of the horror of these places. The "Australian Communist" newspaper, which has done extensive writing on the state, police, prisons and courts, maintains that the worst prisons in the entire world are to be found in South Africa and the Deep South of the United States.

PUNISHMENT FOR PROFIT

Prisons in the Black Belt South



Prisons like Angola exist to cage the labor of young Black men, for whom there are no jobs on the capitalists' "free" market.

Reflected in these prisons in the Black Belt Nation, is all of the decay, rotteness, stench and national oppression of the imperialist system, stripped bare of its Jimmy Carter smiles and lies. These prisons are indecent and inhuman and they compel the question why do they exist?

WEAPON OF CLASS RULE

The first thing that needs to be said about prisons is that they are a class question. Prisons aren't just something we have to learn to live with because of some kind of inborn evilness of humankind. Prisons are the direct result of the development of private property and are part of the arsenal of weapons used by one class in order to maintain its rule over another class.

In primitive, communal societies of long ago, there was no concept of prisons, just like there was no idea of armies or government. This was because everything was shared communally and private ownership didn't exist. However, as people began to develop tools and were able to accumulate wealth beyond that needed for their basic survival, there developed a need for labor beyond the communal family or tribe. This labor was in the form of slaves. And for the first time there developed two different classes, a slave class and a slave-owning class. In order to protect their property from outsiders as well as to maintain control of the slaves, the exploiting class gradually began to establish armies, prisons, laws

and state governments.

This process of transition from primitive communalism to a fully developed state apparatus took place during thousands of years. For an excellent description and analysis of these changes, see Engels', *ORIGINS OF THE FAMILY, PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE STATE*, and Lenin's *STATE AND REVOLUTION*. But the significant point here is that prisons didn't always exist, that they are a product of class society and are used to maintain the rule of one class over another.

Even after the seizure of control of the state with its armies and prisons, a socialist country will still need to have prisons and armies. But they will be vastly different from what they are now, in a capitalist society. This is because instead of being used to protect the private property of the imperialists from the masses of people whose labor created the wealth, the armies and prisons will be used to protect us. They will be used to keep the Rockefellers, Gettys and their henchmen in the army, the Ku Klux Klan and the labor aristocracy, from regaining their power and restoring exploitation and oppression.

However, the working class has no need to resort to torture and brutality. The extent to which the ruling class seeks to humiliate, brutalize and murder the working class, oppressed nations and national minorities in its prisons, is a sign of the increased desperation of a ruling class whose days are numbered. And nowhere is this

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desperation and fear as clear as it is in the Black Belt Nation.

DOWN WITH THE BOURGEOISIE'S PRISON SYSTEM

Why do places like Angola prison exist? They exist to cage the labor of young, Black men for whom there are no jobs on the capitalists' "free" market. They exist to carry out a program of genocide of the Black people and to muzzle and murder the leaders of the Black Belt Nation. They exist to lock up Gary Tyler, Joann Little, the Scottsboro Boys and other freedom fighters throughout the Black Belt Nation. They exist in order to enslave an entire nation of people in extreme exploitation, deprivation and backwardness. They exist to stop the demand for fundamental democratic rights, the seizure of land and resources and of self-determination. They stand for all that is sick and decadent about the imperialist system and like that system, must be overthrown.

The question then is not why do these prisons exist, the question is what do we do to get rid of them? The bourgeoisie has its plans for its prisons. In Louisiana they hope to expand their prison system so that by 1985 they can hold up to 20,000 people. The ruling class clearly sees that the fight for freedom in the Black Belt Nation is rising, and they are preparing to destroy and imprison that struggle.

We must oppose every effort of the ruling class to expand their prisons. We must oppose every scheme that calls for bigger and better prisons with the pretense of promoting the "welfare" of the prisoners. We support all demands which improve the day-to-day conditions of the prisoners and which gives them greater freedom to organize and mobilize. But we will never support plans or reforms which accept the "legitimacy" or "necessity" of the prisons of the bourgeoisie. Our demand is to abolish all prisons which enslave the exploited classes and nations. We call for prisons for the exploiters, for the ruling class.

FREE GARY TYLER!

FREE ALL CLASS PRISONERS!

SUPPORT THE JUST STRUGGLES OF PRISONERS FOR LIBERATION!

TEAR DOWN THE PRISON WALLS AND PLANTATIONS!

SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE BLACK BELT NATION UP TO AND INCLUDING SECESSION!

Militant Protest at Angola

Angola Prison, Louisiana — On May 26, 1977, over 800 prisoners at Angola prison staged a slow-down in protest of the brutality of guards, the plantation slave-labor system and the daily humiliation and degradation to which prisoners are subjected. The action was well-planned, completely secret until carried off, and co-ordinated throughout the prison. The prisoners who were being taken to work in the fields walked very slowly, in a united action, in a line that hardly moved. Despite

threats, curses and intimidation from the guards, the prisoners maintained a solid wall of resistance.

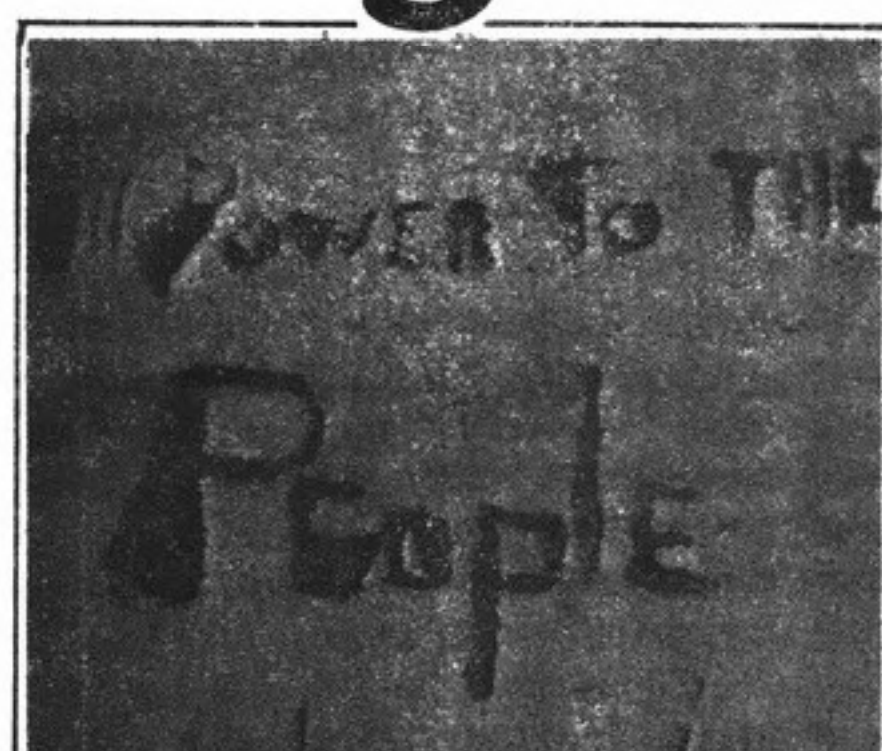
The whole prison was immediately put on lock-down status and prison officials tried to deny that the slow-down had even occurred. What the officials cannot hide is that there is a growing, militant mass movement building at Angola. The prison has tried to stop such a movement through terrorism and bribery of the masses of prisoners and by removing leaders from the general population

and isolating them in maximum security, as was done with Gary Tyler and the Angola 4.

It is obvious, however, that these tactics are not working. As long as there is a single prisoner left at Angola, there will be resistance and rebellion.

SUPPORT THE ANGOLA PRISONERS!

DOWN WITH THE WALLS!



WORKERS RESIST HOSPITAL CUTBACKS

What happens when the state refuses to adequately fund the only public hospital in Atlanta? Since February 28, 1977, when the Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority cut 4 million dollars from Grady Memorial Hospital's budget, the people of Atlanta have seen many unfair changes that could affect patients' rights all over the U.S.

First the state threatened to cut off the ambulance service, which may still happen. If this happens, Atlanta will be one of the few major metropolitan areas where emergency transport isn't provided by the government. The results of such an action are frightening. Grady ambulances respond to about 150 calls a day and see 90% of the trauma — gunshot wounds, stab wounds, burns, etc. They never refuse to transport a patient.

The workers at Grady were very upset at this proposal. A trauma nurse said, "It's very frustrating to watch somebody's life go down the drain just because the money isn't there. We have the equipment no one else has. And how are we going to get them here?"

The people living in communities where Grady ambulances respond to calls were outraged at the dangerous position they would be in if the ambulance service stopped. Private ambulance companies refuse to respond to calls south of 14th Street! This encompasses not only poverty stricken areas like Buttermilk Bottom and Vine City, but a huge portion of north Atlanta and of south Atlanta (predominately Black).

An Emergency Medical Technician who works on one of the Grady ambulances, had this to say about the situation: "It's not fair to extract profit from a life and death situation like a heart attack

It's the responsibility of the government to provide pre-hospital emergency care, without regard to race, creed, color, or financial status."

The county then decided to extend the ambulance service funding temporarily and raise the money by requiring some patients to pay in advance, cutting the staff and reducing the hours of the satellite clinics. We know what the results of this will be! People will just stay home, knowing that a trip to the hospital will cost them money they just don't have.

The people of Atlanta have responded furiously to this. April saw several organizations picketing Grady and a lawsuit was filed against the hospital by 3 women. A spokesman for the picketers said, "This is legalized murder."

In the first week of May, Federal District Court Judge Charles Moyer ruled that Grady could force medicated patients to pay before receiving any medical attention. He said, "the hospital is fulfilling its obligation by rendering services at less than full cost to most of its patients." "The article does not require that it extend credit to those patients as well."

The decisions by the state are going to seriously affect the already inadequate health care available in the Black Belt South. They may even set a precedent for other such rulings regarding public hospitals throughout the U.S.

People need good health care and pay plenty of income taxes to provide public hospitals. But under a capitalist dictatorship, our money goes primarily for things such as war preparations. Only a state controlled and budgeted by the workers themselves will insure that our needs will be met. ★

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"explain" why it happened. They blame it on the Puerto Rican people, their large families, inability to speak English, that they can't find work. Liberal writers say the schools' failure to teach Puerto Rican children leads them to drop out and join gangs into alcohol, drugs and violence. Other say it's because Puerto Ricans aren't represented in government, they have no clout at City Hall. None of these — either the chauvinist lies, nor the symptoms, answer the question. The "mystery" of Humboldt Park is pure and simple reaction to national oppression.

Puerto Rico is a "colony", occupied by U.S. imperialism since the days of Teddy Roosevelt and San Juan Hill. Colonized through military aggression, controlled economically and politically to serve the in-

terests of the U.S. monopoly capitalist class, the Puerto Rican people suffer extreme exploitation and oppression. Many are forced to leave the island. They move to the U.S. in hope of finding a better life, but find instead the same exploitation and oppression — poverty, poor housing, health care and education, the lack of basic democratic rights.

Many Puerto Ricans have joined the liberation struggle, seeking independence for their homeland, and full democratic rights for Puerto Rican national minorities living in the U.S. In all ways possible, the state seeks to crush this struggle against U.S. imperialism.

In the aftermath, the community has responded in a variety of ways. Some, guided by reformist illusions of "working within the system" to get a piece of the pie, organized early and went down to Mayor Blandie

Chilili Villagers Need Mass Support



Like La Alianza movement in the 60's shown here, the people of Chilili have struggled hard to keep control of their land, often at gun-point.

Chicanos Organize to Stop Land Theft

Chilili, New Mexico — Chilili, New Mexico is a Chicano mountain village 35 miles southeast of Albuquerque. It is also a land grant belonging to the people of the village. With the development of capitalist agribusiness in New Mexico, economic survival became unfeasible, and eking out a bare subsistence became intolerable for many. Over the years people have seen the land from their grant stolen — piece by piece — by the state and rich land developers. Some were auctioned off because of delinquent taxes. Some were expropriated by the state for forest land. Finally, local capitalist developers moved in for the kill. Now, the land grant has shrunk from 41,000 acres to a mere 5,000. The people were driven off the land.

Now the people of Chilili have said NO MORE. They have taken control of their land once again and elected their own government to safeguard their land and their rights. For this the Chicano villagers of Chilili have been invaded by an army of the rich.

On May 18, over 50 armed officers of the Bernalillo County Sheriffs Department invaded Chilili.

Dressed in "flak jackets" and carrying semi-automatic and automatic rifles, they rounded up the people of the village — young and old, men, women and children. At all times they had their weapons pointed directly at peoples' heads. They had orders to "shoot to kill any troublemakers" among the villagers. Police arrested 16 people for setting up a road block which prevented access to land previously purchased by outside developers for building condominiums.

The people of Chilili have not flinched or backed down in the face of the bullet or the jail cell. BUT THEY NEED OUR HELP NOW. They desperately need money. People put up their life savings to help bail out arrested villagers, and the village is still under threat of another invasion. Also, letters demanding the dismissal of all charges are being requested. Send donations and letters to:

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asking for community programs and more Puerto Ricans on the police force. Several community groups who understand the need to organize to resist their oppression rather than go begging, organized a mass demonstration to protest police killings.

Today there is no strong communist leadership guiding the day to day struggle in Humboldt Park. This lack stood out clearly on the weekend of June 4th.

What needs to be done? The key is to transform spontaneous, righteous outrage into a conscious, planned resistance under the leadership of the working class and its political party, the communist party. The struggle in Cruz-Orsio (Humboldt) Park points out the urgent need for such a party that is capable of linking up all the day to day struggles of working and oppressed people in the U.S. into a conscious planned frontal attack on capitalism. ★



COUNTRIES WANT INDEPENDENCE, NATIONS WANT LIBERATION, PEOPLE WANT REVOLUTION!

WORKERS' MOVEMENT

NORWAY — On May 19, Constitution Day, more than 2000 people took to the streets of Oslo demonstrating against U.S. imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism. They carried flags, streamers and posters and issued the following slogans: **OPPOSE THE TWO SUPER-POWERS**, **DEFEND NORWAY'S SOVEREIGN RIGHT** and **OPPOSE SOVIET MISSILE DIPLOMACY**. The Norwegian Workers Communist Party (M-L) organized activities throughout Norway.



AUSTRALIA — Australian workers and other laboring people have struck incessantly in recent months against intensified exploitation by monopolies and multinationals and for job security, higher wages and better working conditions. While real wages of workers have dropped 7% in the past 16 months, profits of monopolists are up 20 - 30% and profits for some multinationals rose 100 - 200%.

FRANCE — Ten million workers held a nationwide 24-hour strike against inflation and unemployment. About 4 million workers rallied and demonstrated in Paris and other major cities opposing wage freeze policies and demanding an end to unemployment, and in support of demands for wage increases. France is suffering from its worst unemployment since WWII.

The strike was the largest held in France since 1968.

SOUTH KOREA — 200 men of the "home-land reserve forces" who had been forced to undergo brutal military exercises rose in revolt. Outraged by military hooligans who beat them daily, they rose in unity, shouting slogans opposing forced drills and service in the puppet army. They held a meeting where they bitterly denounced the Pak Jung Hi clique for new war provocations and inhumane violation of human rights.

Police were sent to put down the revolt and brutally suppressed them, arresting many people randomly. In anger, they continued the struggle, throwing stones, beating police and destroying barracks.

Armed soldiers were then sent and suppressed the rebellion. The uprisers shouted "you are also sons of poor workers and peasants. Turn back your rifles!"

SUDAN — The government of Sudan has terminated the contracts of Soviet military experts in Sudan and closed the military experts office attached to the Soviet embassy.

The Soviets had been accused of twice plotting armed subversion in Sudan. Also, their "military aid" has been a disaster for the Sudanese people. Weapons were all second-hand and high priced. Further, the Sudanese adhered to an independent political line and refused a move into the Soviet orbit. Sudan has resisted this pressure, and now, like Egypt, has expelled the Soviets.

This is a victory for the Sudanese people who oppose colonialism of all kinds and a rebuff to Soviet social-imperialism and Soviet overall African strategy.

NATIONAL LIBERATION

ZIMBABWE — Rhodesian racist aggressor troops were forced to withdraw from their occupied Mozambique territory following the heroic counterattack of the Mozambique armed forces and strong condemnation of African nations and peoples.

The Smith regime constantly sent troops during mid-May to harass the border area of Mozambique under the pretext of "pursuing Zimbabwe guerrillas." Bombers have dropped napalm on villages. On May 29 under cover of heavy fire and aircraft, Rhodesian troops launched an attack 50 miles inside Mozambique. Wherever they went, they brutally killed people and destroyed railroads and schools. Mozambique armed forces have counterattacked and defeated the invasion.



EAST TIMOR — In the past 18 months, a large number of Indonesian soldiers were destroyed in East Timor. The armed forces, led by the Revolutionary Front for Independent East Timor (FRETILIN) continually controlled 80% of the country's territory. Indonesian forces controlled only Dili and a few other towns.

Food production is being developed along with armed struggle. The people are also working hard to safeguard health and have opened up schools everywhere. These other fronts serve hand-in-hand with armed struggle to insure the defeat of the Indonesian invasion.

SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION

KAMPUCHEA — Democratic Kampuchea is making rapid strides towards developing their own agricultural machinery manufacturing. Apart from producing daily necessities and farm tools, the Kampuchean workers have also manufactured agricultural machinery of various kinds. They have built a blast furnace to provide pig iron for factories. They have turned out small and medium sized pumps, maize and bean sowing machines, rice husking machines, fertilizers and fodder crushers.

Under the wise and correct leadership of the Kampuchean Revolutionary Organization, workers have made great efforts to learn techniques within a short period of time. They have learned how to operate, repair and improve left-over equipment, accelerating the development of the country's industry.



CHINA — Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien has sternly denounced the U.S.S.R. for its vicious slanders and attacks against China recently. TASS (Soviet news agency) charges that China's foreign policy is that of a warmonger. Li responded that the Chinese government and people have always devoted themselves to strengthening the unity of the international proletariat and the oppressed nations and oppressed peoples of the world and has allied with all countries subjected to imperialist and social imperialist aggression and subversion.

Li noted that when Chairman Mao passed away, the Soviets feigned a willingness to improve relations, yet slandered China's foreign policy in the vain hope that Chairman Mao's revolutionary line and policies would be changed. When rebuffed, the social-imperialists hurled vicious slanders at China.

Li ended by affirming that the great Chinese people can never be intimidated and are determined to carry through to the end the struggle against superpower hegemonism.

LAOS — The Lao people have actively attended cultural classes and launched a mass anti-illiteracy campaign in response to a government call.

In order to raise the cultural level of the broad mass of cadres and party workers, the government has established twice-a-week cultural studies. The government has provided them with teachers, textbooks and other teaching aids.

Also, many slack-farming season schools and ABC classes have been set-up in the countryside. Over 70,000 people are attending these classes and over 15,000 have learned how to read and write.

A literacy campaign was also launched in the areas inhabited by minority nationalities. These people are also making great strides towards eliminating illiteracy.